Adopt a local-level Complete Streets policy and create implementation guidance. By adopting a Complete Streets policy, communities direct their transportation planners and engineers to routinely design and operate the entire right-of-way to enable safe access for all users, regardless of age, ability, or mode of transportation.

Develop a design manual for bike facilities that meets current national standards or adopt the FHWA’s Small Town and Rural Multimodal Network Guide. This will make it easier for City staff to propose and implement bike facility designs that have been shown to improve conditions for people who bike in other similar communities throughout the United States. Ensure that your community follows a bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume.

Work with local businesses to increase the amount of high quality, APBP-compliant, bicycle parking available. Develop community-wide Bicycle Parking Standards that adhere to current APBP guidelines. (See www.apbp.org/bicycle-parking-solutions)

Work with local bicycle groups and interested parents to expand and improve the Safe Routes to School program to all K-12 schools. In particular, middle and high school education
efforts could be improved — this is particularly important as older students learn to drive and share the road.

» Develop bicycle education opportunities for adults. Consider ways to target demographics who currently do not feel safe riding with classes or events that address their concerns.

» Increase the number of local League Cycling Instructors (LCIs) in your community, either by hosting an LCI seminar or sponsoring a City staffer or local bike advocate to attend an existing seminar elsewhere. Having several active instructors in the area will enable you to expand cycling education for youth and adults, recruit more knowledgeable cycling ambassadors, deliver Bicycle Friendly Driver education to motorists, and have experts available to assist in encouragement programs.

» Work with local employers to create a Bike to Work Day event. Bike to Work Day often involves a central "pit stop" station with food, community groups, and elected officials promoting and helping people to choose to bike to work.

» Encourage more local businesses, agencies, and organizations to promote cycling to their employees and customers throughout the year through the Bicycle Friendly Business program.

» Continue to build bike culture and promote cycling during Bike Month and throughout the year in your community through a variety of signature events, rides, celebrations, commuter challenges and more.

» Eliminate existing restrictions on sidewalk riding outside of the Central Business District.

» Provide education to law enforcement officers on bicycle safety, bicycling skills, and traffic laws as they apply to bicyclists and motorists. Develop a bike patrol unit to improve bicyclist/officer relations, and ensure that law enforcement officers who are not certified or trained as bicycle patrol officers nevertheless have basic training or experience with bicycling in your community in order to foster positive interactions between bicyclists and police officers.

» Work with your local police department to collect bike crash data. Collecting data is an important step to addressing bike safety. Data about crashes should be used to identify where projects can resolve or mitigate safety issues.

» Increase the amount of staff time spent on improving conditions for people who bike and walk, either by creating a new dedicated position or expanding the responsibilities of current staff.

» Work with the local school district and other agencies to appoint or hire a new Safe Routes to School Coordinator to continue improving education for students and to focus on expanding and improving the bikeway network around schools.

MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

» League of American Bicyclists: https://www.bikeleague.org


» Resources for Building a Bicycle Friendly Community: https://bikeleague.org/BFC_Resources

» Building Blocks of a Bicycle Friendly Community: https://bikeleague.org/content/building-blocks-bicycle-friendly-communities

» The Five E’s + Equity: https://bikeleague.org/content/5-es

» Community FAQs & Resources: https://bikeleague.org/content/community-faq-resources

» Smart Cycling Program: https://bikeleague.org/ridersmart

» Advocacy Reports and Resources: https://bikeleague.org/reports

» Bicycle Friendly Business Program: https://bikeleague.org/business

» National Bike Month: https://bikeleague.org/bikemonth