



AVON, CT

TOTAL POPULATION

18,500

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

22.6

POPULATION DENSITY

818.6

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

0

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES

0

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Bronze	Avon
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	20%	0%
Total on- and off-road Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	25%	15%
Bicycle Education in Schools	AVERAGE	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	7%	UNKNOWN
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	AVERAGE	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS QUARTERLY	NONE
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	AVERAGE	EXCELLENT
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES (NO BUDGET)
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 154K	1 PER 18.5K

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING

Bicycle network and connectivity

2.20 /10

EDUCATION

Motorist awareness and bicycling skills

1.94 /10

ENCOURAGEMENT

Mainstreaming bicycling culture

1.08 /10

EVALUATION & PLANNING

Setting targets and having a plan

2.83 /10

KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Bronze	Avon
RIDERSHIP Percentage of commuters who bike	1.3%	0.16%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters	1093	535.71
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters	20	0



» Avon has a number of exciting plans for 2021 and beyond, including celebrating its first Bike Month, launching a Bike Share program, enhanced safety at trail crossings, and beginning to offer bicycle safety education for youth in schools. BFC encourage the community to continue working on these efforts and reapplying to the program once these plans have been enacted.

» Begin to establish a cohesive, connected on-street bike network and 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. Consider using temporary pop-up facilities to demonstrate and pilot new bike infrastructure and let residents

experience it and provide feedback before it is finalized.

» Develop a design manual that meets current NACTO standards or adopt the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide or the FHWA's Small Town and Rural Multimodal Network Guide. This will make it easier for city staff to propose and implement bicycle facility designs that have been shown to improve conditions for people who bike in other cities 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.

» Increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking

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KEY STEPS TO BRONZE CONTINUED

throughout the community. Conduct a bike parking study or audit to determine current conditions of bike parking, both in terms of quality and quantity. Develop community-wide Bicycle Parking Standards to ensure that APBP-compliant bicycle parking is available in areas near transit and urban activity centers. (See www.apbp.org/bicycle-parking-solutions)

» Bicycle safety education should be a routine part of education for students of all ages, and schools and the surrounding neighborhoods should be particularly safe and convenient for biking and walking. Work with local bicycle groups and interested parents to create Safe Routes to School programming for all schools.

» Expand 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 and create an inclusive, welcoming environment.

» Work with your local League Cycling Instructor (LCI) to offer Bicycle Friendly Driver training to motorists in Avon, particularly to professional drivers and fleet operators.

» Improve Bike Month activities by creating a Bike to Work Day event, Bike to School Day event, and/or a Mayor's Ride. Bike to Work Day events can include competitions for participation between businesses and "energizer" stations where people can get coffee on the way to work. Bike to School Day events can include competitions related to bicycle use, outreach to parents, and coordination between the schools and the city to create safer routes to schools.

» Create an official Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to create a systematic method for ongoing citizen input into the development of important policies, plans, and projects. Ensure that the members of the committee reflect the diversity and ability levels of cyclists in your community.

» Continue to develop a bicycle count program that utilizes several methods of data collection including automated bicycle counters to provide long-term data on bicycle use at fixed points and mobile counters to provide periodic or before/after data related to a changes in your community's road or bicycle network.

MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

- » League of American Bicyclists: <https://www.bikeleague.org>
- » Guide to the BFC Report Card:
https://bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/Guide_to_the_Bicycle_Friendly_Community_Report_Card.pdf
- » 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: <https://bikeleague.org/5-es>
- » Smart Cycling Program: <https://bikeleague.org/ridesmart>
- » Advocacy Reports and Resources: <https://bikeleague.org/reports>
- » Bicycle Friendly Business Program: <https://bikeleague.org/business>
- » National Bike Month: <https://bikeleague.org/bikemonth>

