10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities: 20% → 25%
Total on- and off-road Bicycle Network Mileage: 25% → 25%
Bicycle Education in Schools: AVERAGE → NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling: 7% → UNKNOWN
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events: AVERAGE → ACCEPTABLE
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group: YES → YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee: MEETS QUARTERLY → NONE
Bicycle–Friendly Laws & Ordinances: AVERAGE → ACCEPTABLE
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented: YES → NO
Bike Program Staff to Population: 1 PER 154K → NO STAFF

Adopt a 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. A Complete Streets policy should prompt the community to consider lane and/or road diets when repaving or otherwise doing major maintenance on roadways. Striping bicycle lanes as part of repaving operations can save 40% of the cost of adding a bicycle lane.

Continue to expand and improve the 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.

Increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking 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)

Expand bicycle safety education to be a routine part of education for students of all ages, and ensure that schools and the surrounding neighborhoods are particularly safe and convenient for biking and walking. Work with local bicycle

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KEY STEPS TO BRONZE CONTINUED

• 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. Visit bikeleague.org/ridesmart for more information.
• Improve Bike Month activities by creating more community-wide events such as a Mayor’s Ride. Offer more educational opportunities for children and adults throughout the month as well.
• 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.
• 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.
• Launch a bike share system that is open to the public. Bike sharing is a convenient, cost effective, and healthy way of encouraging locals and visitors to make short trips by bike, make bicycling more accessible to all, and to bridge the ‘last mile’ between public transit and destinations.

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: 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