



ST. LOUIS PARK, MN

TOTAL POPULATION

48,662

POPULATION DENSITY

4506

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

10.8

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 1

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 0

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

| | Average Gold | St. Louis Park |
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| High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities | 35% | 0% |
| Total on- and off-road Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage | 76% | 17% |
| Bicycle Education in Schools | GOOD | AVERAGE |
| Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling | 14% | 15% |
| Bike Month and Bike to Work Events | VERY GOOD | AVERAGE |
| Active Bicycle Advocacy Group | YES | YES |
| Active Bicycle Advisory Committee | MEETS AT LEAST MONTHLY | NONE |
| Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances | GOOD | ACCEPTABLE |
| Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented | YES | UPDATE UNDERWAY |
| Bike Program Staff to Population | 1 PER 33K | 1 PER 69.59K |

CATEGORY SCORES

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| ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i> | 4.52 /10 |
| EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i> | 3.68 /10 |
| ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i> | 2.88 /10 |
| EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i> | 4.98 /10 |

KEY OUTCOMES

| | Average Gold | St. Louis Park |
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| RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i> | 5.1% | 1.31% |
| SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i> | 287 | 279.90 |
| SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i> | 2.2 | 0 |



KEY STEPS TO GOLD



- » Continue to expand and improve St. Louis Park's on-road bike network and ensure that your community maximizes safety and comfort for bicyclists of all ages and abilities by following a bicycle facility selection criteria and design guidelines that increase separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume. Identify gaps and add new low-stress facilities that connect and expand the bicycle network, and work to upgrade existing facilities, such as by adding physical barriers and other increased protection and separation.
- » Conduct a bike parking study or audit to determine current conditions of bike parking, both in terms of quality and quantity, particularly near transit stops and hubs.

- » Improve bicycle safety education for students of all ages by providing bikes for on-bicycle education at younger ages and by expanding the program to all K-12 schools. Providing bicycles in schools for on-bike education ensures that all students can learn to safely ride a bicycle regardless of the availability of a bicycle in their household.
- » 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

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KEY STEPS TO **GOLD** CONTINUED

experts available to assist in encouragement programs. Visit bikeleague.org/ridesmart for more information.

» 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: <http://bikeleague.org/reports>