



# THOUSAND OAKS, CA

TOTAL POPULATION

129,349

POPULATION DENSITY

2310

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

56

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

0

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES

0

## 10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

|  | Average Silver         | Thousand Oaks          |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities  | 35%                    | 71%                    |
| Total on- and off-road Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage | 48%                    | 45%                    |
| Bicycle Education in Schools   | GOOD                   | NEEDS IMPROVEMENT      |
| Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling                            | 11%                    | 25%                    |
| Bike Month and Bike to Work Events   | GOOD                   | VERY GOOD              |
| Active Bicycle Advocacy Group  | YES                    | YES                    |
| Active Bicycle Advisory Committee  | MEETS EVERY TWO MONTHS | MEETS EVERY TWO MONTHS |
| Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances   | GOOD                   | GOOD                   |
| Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented                                | YES                    | YES (NO BUDGET)        |
| Bike Program Staff to Population   | 1 PER 78K              | 1 PER 129K             |

## CATEGORY SCORES

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| <b>ENGINEERING</b><br><i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>                | 4.68 /10 |
| <b>EDUCATION</b><br><i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>           | 3.18 /10 |
| <b>ENCOURAGEMENT</b><br><i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>               | 4.96 /10 |
| <b>EVALUATION &amp; PLANNING</b><br><i>Setting targets and having a plan</i> | 3.93 /10 |

## KEY OUTCOMES

|  | Average Silver | Thousand Oaks |
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| <b>RIDERSHIP</b><br><i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>                      | 2.7%           | 0.28%         |
| <b>SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES</b><br><i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>       | 537            | 1,264.37      |
| <b>SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES</b><br><i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i> | 6.3            | 0             |



## KEY STEPS TO SILVER



» Continue to expand the bike network and increase connectivity through the use of different types of low-stress bicycle facilities appropriate for the speed and volume of motor vehicle traffic on each road. On roads where automobile speeds regularly exceed 30 MPH, provide protected bicycle infrastructure such as protected bike lanes/cycle tracks or buffered bike lanes. In slower speed areas such as quiet neighborhood streets, develop a system of bicycle boulevards that create an attractive, convenient, and comfortable cycling environment welcoming to cyclists of all ages and skill levels. Diverters, wayfinding, chicanes, and other treatments can be effective at reducing vehicle speeds and promoting the bicycle-oriented nature of a bike boulevard.

» Congratulations on adopting the 2019 Active Transportation Plan! This plan will be a blueprint for improvements and has many great recommendations for a more connected network of safe and comfortable bicycle facilities, including the new Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress method of analyzing on-road bike infrastructure to improve existing high stress bike facilities. Ensure that there is dedicated funding for the implementation of all types of bicycle infrastructure recommended by the new plan.

» 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 the school district, local bicycle groups, and interested parents to create Safe Routes to School programming for all K-12 schools.

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## KEY STEPS TO **SILVER** CONTINUED

- » Host a League Cycling Instructor (LCI) seminar to increase the number of local LCIs in your community. 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](https://bikeleague.org/ridesmart) for more information.
- » Develop more education and encouragement outreach methods and programs that specifically target families, women, seniors, low-income, and non-English speaking communities, in addition to general non-targeted outreach and media campaigns that discuss current and new bicycle facilities, safe driver and bicyclist behavior, and events related to walking and biking.
- » Encourage California Lutheran University to apply to the Bicycle Friendly University program to help identify more ways the campus and administrators can support bicycling safety and promotion to students, staff, faculty, neighboring residents, and visitors.
- » Create a bicycle count program that utilizes several methods of data collection to create an understanding of current bicyclists and the effects of new facilities on bicycling in Thousand Oaks. Automated bicycle counters provide long-term data on bicycle use at fixed points in a community and mobile counters can provide periodic or before/after data related to a change in your community's road or bicycle network. Observational counts and surveys can supplement automated data in order to collect demographic information and examine social equity goals.

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### 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](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](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>

