



Dallas, TX



2024 BFC Award: Bronze
Award History: First-Time Applicant

Dallas's BFA Program Stats

of Local Bicycle Friendly Businesses: **3**
 # of Local Bicycle Friendly Universities: **0**
 # of Local League Cycling Instructors: **10**
 Texas's Bicycle Friendly State Ranking: **#30**

Community Profile

Population: 1,304,379
 (Size classification for weighted scoring: Large)
 Area: 385.9 square miles
 Population Density: 3,380.10 people/square mile
 Land Classification: Mostly Suburban
 Poverty Rate: 17.8%*
 Median Household Income: \$65,400*
 Percent of the Population that Speaks a
 Language Other Than English at Home: 42.6%*
 Percent with Disability: 12%*
 Percent of Households with No Vehicle Available: 8.9%*

*Source: https://data.census.gov/profile/Dallas_city,_Texas?g=160XX-00US4819000

Dallas's Bike Links

Bike Network Map, if available:
<https://dallascityhall.com/departments/transportation/bikeway/Pages/default.aspx>

Bike Plan, if available:
<https://dallascityhall.com/departments/transportation/bikeway/Pages/bikeplan2011.aspx>

The 5 Es Category Scores	Dallas	Max Score this round
Engineering	49.65%	79.26%
Education	39.16%	83.25%
Encouragement	59.39%	90.86%
Evaluation & Planning	33.79%	75.73%
Equity & Accessibility	41.38%	75.47%

Scores are determined by points earned in each 'E' Category, weighted against comparable communities in the 2024 BFC round. See pages 2-3 for your full subcategory points in each Category.

Key Outcomes

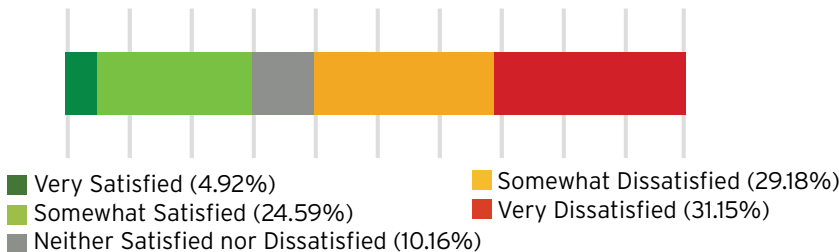
Overall Commuter Ridership: 0.2%
 Male Commuter Ridership: 0.2%
 Female Commuter Ridership: 0.1%
(Bicycle Mode Share among commuters, according to the Census Bureau's 2022 or 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate.)

Bicycle Mode Share: Unknown
(Reported by applicant)

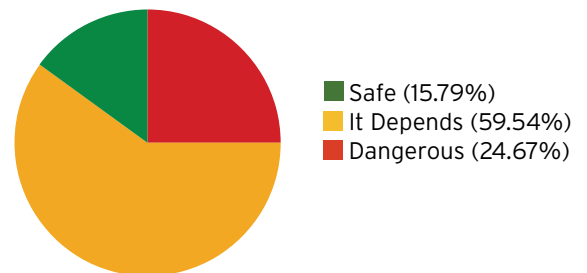
Annual Average Bicyclist Crashes in last 5 years: 122
Annual Average Bicyclist Fatalities in last 5 years: 3.8
(Crashes and Fatalities both reported by applicant)

2024 BFC Public Survey Response Summary for Dallas, TX

How satisfied are you with how this community is designed for making bike riding safe? (n = 305)



Is it safe or dangerous to ride a bicycle in your neighborhood, or does it depend? (n = 304)



What are the top 1-3 changes you would most like to see the local government make in this community for bicyclists? (n = 306)

1. More bike lanes (55.88%)
2. More bike paths (49.02%)
3. Improve existing bike lanes to protected bike lanes (35.29%)
4. Reduce speeds through traffic calming and/or road diets (29.41%)

About this Report Card

The following scores are based on the online application submitted by Dallas in the 2024 Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) submission round. These scores reflect a combination of automatically-generated points earned through the online application, as well as judge-assigned points and bonus points given by BFC reviewers.

The League updated its Bicycle Friendly Community application and awards criteria in 2022, after nearly a year of research, focus groups, interviews, listening sessions, and other outreach. The updated application includes a new section on Equity and Accessibility, and other changes throughout. As such, **this Bicycle Friendly Community Report card is a beta version** as we refine our new scoring system and develop a greater understanding of how to convey new information.

All 2024 BFC Report Cards (including this one) will be republished with updated scores if there are significant changes to the points system after the next round of BFC applications. To learn more about the BFC application and awards criteria, please visit <https://bikeleague.org/community>.

ENGINEERING	<i>Dallas earned a weighted score of 49.65% in the Engineering Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Dallas earned in each subcategory within the Engineering section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2024 BFC application.</i>	
	Engineering Subcategories	Dallas's Subcategory Points in Engineering
	Policies and Design Standards for the Built Environment	10.1 / 41 pts
	End-of-Trip Facilities	21.8 / 44 pts
	Bicycle Network	37.0 / 128 pts
	Network Maintenance	11.5 / 32 pts
	Bicycle Access to Public Transportation	12.8 / 23 pts
	Bike Sharing	5.7 / 24 pts
	Other Bicycle-Related Amenities	1.8 / 6 pts
	Regional Coordination	13.5 / 23 pts
Engineering Bonus Points	2.1 / 10 pts	

EDUCATION	<i>Dallas earned a weighted score of 39.16% in the Education Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Dallas earned in each subcategory of the Education section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2024 BFC application.</i>	
	Education Subcategories	Dallas's Subcategory Points in Education
	Youth Bicycle Education	9.9 / 68 pts
	Adult Bicycle Education	31.3 / 47 pts
	Motorist Education	4.0 / 28 pts
	Bicycle Safety Education Resources	4.9 / 16 pts
	Inclusive Education	4.9 / 26 pts
Education Bonus Points	1.7 / 7 pts	

ENCOURAGEMENT	<i>Dallas earned a weighted score of 59.39% in the Encouragement Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Dallas earned in each subcategory of the Encouragement section section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2024 BFC application.</i>	
	Encouragement Subcategories	Dallas's Subcategory Points in Encouragement
	Encouragement Policies, Programs and Partnerships	5.7 / 17 pts
	Route-Finding Support	4.0 / 10 pts
	Bicycle Culture and Promotion	54.8 / 91 pts
	Access To Bicycle Equipment and Repair Services	14.8 / 35 pts
	Reducing Work-Related/Fleet VMT	3.0 / 11 pts
	Encouragement Bonus Points	1.3 / 7 pts

EVALUATION & PLANNING	<i>Dallas earned a weighted score of 33.79% in the Evaluation & Planning Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Dallas earned in each subcategory of the Evaluation & Planning section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2024 BFC application.</i>	
	Evaluation & Planning Subcategories	Dallas's Subcategory Points in Evaluation & Planning
	Staffing And Committees	12.0 / 35 pts
	Public Engagement for Bicycle Planning	9.5 / 35 pts
	Planning, Funding, And Implementation	12.8 / 46 pts
	Evaluating The Bicycle Network	0.0 / 25 pts
	Evaluating Ridership	4.5 / 20 pts
	Evaluating & Improving Safety Outcomes	6.4 / 42 pts
Evaluation & Planning Bonus Points	3.8 / 15 pts	

EQUITY & ACCESSIBILITY	<i>Dallas earned a weighted score of 41.38% in the Equity & Accessibility Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Dallas earned in each subcategory of the Equity & Accessibility section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2024 BFC application.</i>	
	Equity & Accessibility Subcategories	Dallas's Subcategory Points in Equity & Accessibility
	Equity & Accessibility Staffing, Committees, & Partnerships	6.0 / 24 pts
	Equity Data Collection & Goals	6.1 / 27 pts
	Equity & Accessibility Policies & Plans	11.8 / 21 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Engineering	6.2 / 44 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Education	9.4 / 52 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Encouragement	20.2 / 42 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Evaluation & Planning	14.3 / 51 pts
Equity & Accessibility Bonus Points	0.0 / 9 pts	



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FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE:

To maintain and improve on Dallas's Bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community award, BFC Reviewers recommend...

- » Ensure that your 2016 Complete Streets Design Manual is followed for all roadway projects, and that compliance is tracked. If necessary, revisit your manual and consider adopting a formal Complete Streets policy or ordinance and tracking mechanism to ensure better compliance. Ensuring compliance with a Complete Streets policy is an important and often low-cost way to add to your bicycle network.
- » Continue to expand and improve Dallas's low-stress on-road 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, to maximize safety and comfort for bicyclists of all ages and abilities. Continue to identify gaps and add new facilities that complete and expand the bicycle network, and to upgrade existing facilities, such as by converting bike lanes into protected bike lanes, and upgrading roads with sharrows into dedicated bicycle boulevards.
- » Continue working with other communities across the state of Texas to advocate for a lower statewide prima facie speed limit on residential streets. Consider lowering speed limits -- and designed speeds -- on residential streets with higher bike traffic to 20 mph. Introduce road diets and traffic calming measures to ensure compliance. Develop a system of bicycle boulevards, utilizing these quiet neighborhood streets, that creates an attractive, convenient, and comfortable cycling environment welcoming to cyclists of all ages and skill levels. Use the Bicycle Boulevards section of the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide for design guidelines.
- » Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the community. Ensure that people arriving by bicycle have a secure and legal place to lock their bikes at popular destinations through the use of bike corrals, bike valets, and incentives or requirements for bike parking in buildings. Continue to work with the Dallas Bicycle Coalition to evaluate and inventory existing conditions for bike parking across the city, and to establish a priority list for upgrades and new bike parking investments.
- » Work with Lime and other vendors to increase the number of bikes available to the public through your bike share system(s). 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.
- » Improve bicycle safety education for students of all ages by incorporating more on-bicycle education opportunities 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. Work with the Independent School District, local bicycle groups, and interested parents to expand, improve, and standardize the Safe Routes to School program across every school in the Dallas ISD.
- » Partner with BikeDFW to encourage more local businesses, agencies, and organizations to promote cycling to their employees and customers and to seek recognition through the Bicycle Friendly Business program. City Hall or other municipal buildings could apply to the BFB program as an employer to lead by example among other Dallas area employers.
- » Your application indicated that your community is currently updating its Bicycle Master Plan. This is a great step to improving conditions for bicycling and institutionalizing processes for continual improvement. Your Bicycle Master Plan update should take advantage of best practices that are applicable to a community of your size, including the use of separated and protected bike lanes, targeted education programming, and demonstration projects to help the community understand possible bicycle facilities.



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FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE, CONTINUED:

Use the data and insights gained from your Vision Zero Action Plan work including equity centered analysis and High Injury Network Equity Priority Areas to inform the Bike Plan. Ensure that the new Plan includes specific and measurable goals, a strong implementation plan, and dedicated funding or an annual budget to ensure its success.

- » Conduct a connectivity analysis and network quality evaluation of your existing bicycle network, and work to identify and fill any gaps. Establish a performance measurement program for bicycling and/or active transportation infrastructure. See FHWA's resources on these topics: https://bit.ly/FHWA_connectivity and https://bit.ly/FHWA_bikepedPMs.
- » Explore potential partnerships with local, regional or statewide public health agencies and organizations that may be able to support your efforts to create more opportunities for active transportation and physical activity through community design. To show your community's commitment to health and wellness through active transportation, work with local elected officials to pass an Active People, Healthy NationSM Proclamation this year. Active People, Healthy NationSM is a national initiative led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help 27 million Americans become more physically active by 2027. Learn more about Active People, Healthy NationSM Proclamations at: <https://www.cdc.gov/active-people-healthy-nation/php/data-research/proclamations.html>.

MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

- » **Guide to this BFC Report Card:** <https://bit.ly/BFC-Report-Card-Guide-2024>
- » **League of American Bicyclists:** <https://www.bikeleague.org>
- » **Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/community>
- » **Resources for Building a Bicycle Friendly Community:** https://bikeleague.org/BFC_Resources
- » **About the BFC Application Process:** <https://bikeleague.org/content/about-bfc-application-process>
- » **The Five E's:** <https://bikeleague.org/5-es>
- » **The BFC Ideabook and Map:** <https://bikeleague.org/BFCIdeaBook>
- » **The League's Benchmarking Project on Biking & Walking Data and Reports:** <https://data.bikeleague.org>
- » **Bicycle Friendly State (BFS) Rankings and Report Cards:** <https://bikeleague.org/state>
- » **Bicycle Friendly Business (BFB) Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/business>
- » **Bicycle Friendly University (BFU) Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/university>
- » **Smart Cycling Education Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/ridesmart>
- » **National Bike Month Resources:** <https://bikeleague.org/bikemonth>
- » **More Reports and Resources from the League:** <http://bikeleague.org/reports>
- » **Federal Funding Resources from the League:** <https://bikeleague.org/federal-funding-resources/>
- » **Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities from U.S. DOT Transit, Safety, and Highway Funds:** https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/funding/funding_opportunities.pdf
- » **U.S. DOT Navigator:** <https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator>