

## **BUFFALO, NY**

TOTAL POPULATION

256,902

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

40.6

POPULATION DENSITY

6,328

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

3

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES

## 10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLF FRIFNDLY COMMUNITY

A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY	Average Silver	Buffalo
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	40%	0%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	47%	15%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	ACCEPTABLE
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	11%	1%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS EVERY TWO MONTHS	MONTHLY OR MORE FREQUENTLY
Bicycle–Friendly Laws & Ordinances	SOME	GOOD
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 91K	1 PER 513K

## **CATEGORY SCORES**

ENGINEERING Bicycle network and connectivity	3.9/10
EDUCATION Motorist awareness and bicycling skills	4.5/10
ENCOURAGEMENT Mainstreaming bicycling culture	<b>7.2</b> /10
ENFORCEMENT Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights	3.9/10
EVALUATION & PLANNING Setting targets and having a plan	4.0/10

KEY OUTCOMES	Average Silver	Buffalo
RIDERSHIP Percentage of Commuters who bike	2.6%	1.1%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters	549	775
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters	7.3	8.5



## KEY STEPS TO SILVER



- » Ensure that high speed and/or high volume roads do not pose a barrier to bicycling in your community. It is important that your bike network is safe, comfortable, and navigable for people of all ages and abilities. Road and/or lane diets may be appropriate for calming traffic while providing safe and comfortable places for people to bike and walk.
- » Develop a bicycle wayfinding system with distance and destination information at strategic locations around the community, integrating preferred on street routes and off-street facilities.
- » Increase the amount of staff time spent on improving conditions for people who bike and walk. Consider hiring a Safe Routes to School Coordinator.
- » 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 programing for all schools.
- » Provide education to law enforcement officers on traffic laws as they apply to bicyclists and motorists and bicycling skills. Ensure that law enforcement officers who are not certified or trained as bicycle patrol officers nevertheless have basic training or experience with bicycling in your community in order to foster great interactions between bicyclists and police officers.
- » Adopt a comprehensive safety plan or a Vision Zero policy to create engineering, education, and enforcement strategies to reduce traffic crashes and deaths for all road users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. Road diets, lane diets, and traffic calming treatments are important engineering components for addressing safety.

