



# ALBERT LEA, MN

TOTAL POPULATION

17,703

POPULATION DENSITY

1,350

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

15.02

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

0

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES

0

## 10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Silver	Albert Lea
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	35%	0%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	48%	5%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	11%	15%
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 AT LEAST MONTHLY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	GOOD	GOOD
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	UNDER DEVELOPMENT
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 78K	1 PER 4K

## CATEGORY SCORES

<b>ENGINEERING</b> <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	1.5 /10
<b>EDUCATION</b> <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	3.1 /10
<b>ENCOURAGEMENT</b> <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	4.4 /10
<b>ENFORCEMENT</b> <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i>	4.0 /10
<b>EVALUATION &amp; PLANNING</b> <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	4.3 /10

## KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Silver	Albert Lea
<b>RIDERSHIP</b> <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	2.7%	1.40%
<b>SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES</b> <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	537	263.16
<b>SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES</b> <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	6.3	87.72



## KEY STEPS TO SILVER



- » Continue to expand and improve the bicycle network. Ensure that your Complete Streets policy is followed for all roadway projects, and develop or adopt a design manual for bike facilities that meets current national standards, such as the FHWA's Small Town and Rural Multimodal Network Guide or NACTO's Urban Bikeway Design Guide.
- » Consider lowering posted speed limits, particularly on neighborhood greenways, and introduce road diets and traffic calming measures to ensure compliance.
- » 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.
- » 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 groups and interested parents to create Safe Routes to School programming for all K-12 schools.

- » Develop bicycle education opportunities for adults. Consider ways to target demographics who currently do not feel safe riding with classes or events that address their concerns.
- » Continue efforts to improve data-driven road safety operations and Vision Zero activities. Work with neighboring jurisdictions to develop a coordinated and comprehensive Vision Zero program.
- » Your application indicated that your community is currently creating a bicycle master plan. This is a great step to improving conditions for bicycling and institutionalizing processes for continual improvement.
- » Repeal mandatory side path and bike lane use laws, and focus attention instead on improving side paths and bike lanes to make them more desirable and convenient to use.