

## **RIVERSIDE, CA**

3982

Riverside

TOTAL POPULATION

POPULATION DENSITY

324,722 TOTAL AREA (sq. miles) 81.54

Average Silver

#### 10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

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High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	35%	51%
Total on- and off-road Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	48%	21%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	VERY GOOD
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	11%	10%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	GOOD	AVERAGE
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS EVERY TWO MONTHS	MEETS AT LEAST MONTHLY
Bicycle–Friendly Laws & Ordinances	GOOD	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 78K	1 PER 216.5K

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE 2 FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES

#### **CATEGORY SCORES**

<b>ENGINEERING</b> Bicycle network and connectivity	4.7/10
<b>EDUCATION</b> Motorist awareness and bicycling skills	3.9/10
<b>ENCOURAGEMENT</b> <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	3.6/10
<b>EVALUATION &amp; PLANNING</b> Setting targets and baving a plan	5.0/10

#### **KEY OUTCOMES**

RIDERSHIP Percentage of Commuters who bike	2.7%	0.71%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters	537	758
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters	6.3	9.5

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» Congratulations on recently adopting the Riverside PACT, including a Complete Streets Ordinance that directs transportation planners and engineers to routinely design and operate the entire right-of-way to enable safe access for all users. It is important to ensure that there is a strong implementation and compliance process for this new policy going forward. The PACT's components will serve as a blueprint for improvements and together have many great recommendations for a more connected network of safe and comfortable bicycle facilities.

» Continue to improve and expand the low-stress bike network for all ages and abilities, 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. » 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 in areas near transit and urban activity centers. (See www.apbp.org/bicycle-parking-solutions)

» Continue efforts to re-launch a new public bike share system to replace the system that recently ceased operations. 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.

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### KEY STEPS TO **SILVER** CONTINUED

» 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 school district, local bicycle groups, and interested parents to expand and improve the Safe Routes to School program.

» Expand 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 and create an inclusive, welcoming environment.

» 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.

» Increase the amount of staff time spent on improving conditions for people who bike and walk, either by creating a new Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator position or expanding the responsibilities of current staff.

» 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 changes 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.

» Adopt a goal to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries and support this goal with a comprehensive road safety plan or a Vision Zero policy to identify specific strategies to reduce traffic crashes and deaths for all road users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. Introducing low stress bikeway facilities and lowering vehicle speeds through traffic calming treatments are important engineering components for addressing roadway safety.

» Continue efforts to examine and reconsider the City's policies regarding non-exclusively human powered devices on trails so that electric pedal assist bicycles can be used more freely on trails throughout the community.

#### **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

- » About the BFC Application Process: https://bikeleague.org/content/about-bfc-application-process
- » The Five E's: https://bikeleague.org/5-es
- » Tips for Current and Aspiring BFCs: https://bikeleague.org/BFC-tips
- » 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