



La Porte, IN



Award: Bronze | Fall 2022

Award History:
First-time applicant.

La Porte's BFA Program Stats

of Local Bicycle Friendly Businesses: **0**
 # of Local Bicycle Friendly Universities: **0**
 # of Local League Cycling Instructors: **1**
 Indiana's Bicycle Friendly State Ranking: **#22**

The 5 Es Category Scores	La Porte	Max Score this round
Engineering	21%	62%
Education	16%	60%
Encouragement	21%	61%
Evaluation & Planning	24%	64%
Equity & Accessibility	12%	57%

Percentages shown above are the points received out of points available in that category. See pages 2-3 for La Porte's subcategory points earned within each Category.

Key Outcomes

Commuter Ridership: 1.15%

(Bicycle Mode Share among commuters, according to the Census Bureau's American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate)

Overall Bicycle Mode Share: Unknown

(Reported by applicant)

Annual Average Bicyclist Crashes in last 5 years: 1

(Reported by applicant)

Annual Average Bicyclist Fatalities in last 5 years: 0

(Reported by applicant)

Community Profile

Population: 23,305
 Area: 13.06 square miles
 Population Density: 1784 people/square mile
 Land Classification: Rural Town
 Poverty Rate: 19.5%*
 Median Household Income: \$42,057*
 Percent of the Population that Speaks a Language Other Than English at Home: 0.08%*
 Percent with Disability: 26.22%*
 Percent of Households with No Vehicle Available: 2.2%*

*Source: https://data.census.gov/cedsci/profile/La_Porte_city,_Indiana?q=1600000US1842246

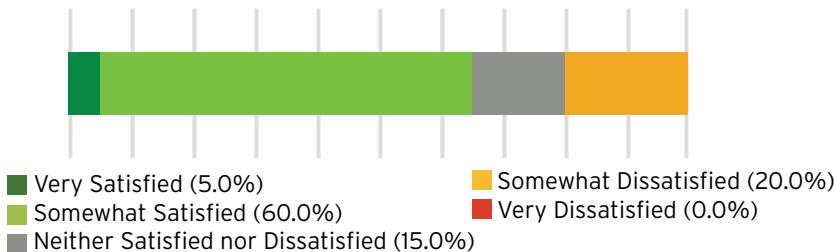
La Porte's Bike Links

Bike Network Map, if available:
N/A

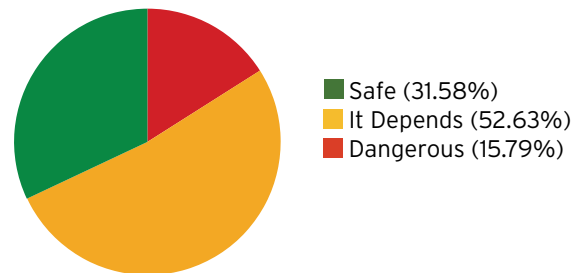
Bike Plan, if available:
<https://www.cityoflaporte.com/departments/community-development-planning/>

Fall 2022 BFC Public Survey Response Summary for La Porte, IN

How satisfied are you with how this community is designed for making bike riding safe? (n = 20)



Is it safe or dangerous to ride a bicycle in your neighborhood, or does it depend? (n = 19)



What is the number one change you would most like to see the local government make in this community for bicyclists? (n = 20)

1. More bike paths (40.00%)
2. More bike lanes (15.00%)

About this Report Card

The following scores are based on the online application submitted by La Porte in the Fall 2022 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 the Summer of 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 Fall 2022 BFC Report Cards (including this one) will be republished with updated scores if there are changes to the points system after the next round of Bicycle Friendly Community applications. To learn more about the BFC application and awards criteria, please visit <https://bikeleague.org/community>.

ENGINEERING	<i>La Porte earned 21% of the points available in the Engineering Category. Below is the breakdown of points that La Porte earned in each subcategory of the Engineering section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Fall 2022 BFC application.</i>	
	Engineering Subcategories	La Porte's Subcategory Points in Engineering
	Policies and Design Standards for the Built Environment	8 / 38 pts
	End-of-Trip Facilities	8 / 41 pts
	Bicycle Network	25 / 126 pts
	Network Maintenance	19 / 32 pts
	Bicycle Access to Public Transportation	2 / 22 pts
	Bike Sharing	0 / 25 pts
	Other Bicycle-Related Amenities	2 / 6 pts
	Regional Coordination	2 / 16 pts
Engineering Bonus Points	0 / 9 pts	

EDUCATION	<i>La Porte earned 16% of the points available in the Education Category. Below is the breakdown of points that La Porte earned in each subcategory of the Education section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Fall 2022 BFC application.</i>	
	Education Subcategories	La Porte's Subcategory Points in Education
	Youth Bicycle Education	2 / 71 pts
	Adult Bicycle Education	19 / 47 pts
	Motorist Education	3 / 28 pts
	Bicycle Safety Education Resources	3 / 22 pts
	Inclusive Education	5 / 22 pts
Education Bonus Points	0 / 8 pts	

ENCOURAGEMENT	<i>La Porte earned 21% of the points available in the Encouragement Category. Below is the breakdown of points that La Porte earned in each subcategory of the Encouragement section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Fall 2022 BFC application.</i>	
	Encouragement Subcategories	La Porte's Subcategory Points in Encouragement
	Encouragement Policies, Programs and Partnerships	0 / 22 pts
	Route-Finding Support	5 / 10 pts
	Bicycle Culture and Promotion	26 / 99 pts
	Access To Bicycle Equipment and Repair Services	8 / 49 pts
	Reducing Work-Related/Fleet VMT	0 / 10 pts
	Encouragement Bonus Points	3 / 8 pts

EVALUATION & PLANNING	<i>La Porte earned 24% of the points available in the Evaluation & Planning Category. Below is the breakdown of points that La Porte earned in each subcategory of the Evaluation & Planning section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Fall 2022 BFC application.</i>	
	Evaluation & Planning Subcategories	La Porte's Subcategory Points in Evaluation & Planning
	Staffing And Committees	12 / 42 pts
	Public Engagement for Bicycle Planning	14 / 33 pts
	Planning, Funding, And Implementation	10 / 46 pts
	Evaluating The Bicycle Network	0 / 21 pts
	Evaluating Ridership	5 / 21 pts
	Evaluating & Improving Safety Outcomes	9 / 38 pts
Evaluation & Planning Bonus Points	0 / 8 pts	

EQUITY & ACCESSIBILITY	<i>La Porte earned 12% of the points available in the Equity & Accessibility Category. Below is the breakdown of points that La Porte earned in each subcategory of the Equity & Accessibility section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Fall 2022 BFC application.</i>	
	Equity & Accessibility Subcategories	La Porte's Subcategory Points in Equity & Accessibility
	Equity & Accessibility Staffing, Committees, & Partnerships	9 / 38 pts
	Equity Data Collection & Goals	0 / 20 pts
	Equity & Accessibility Policies & Plans	3 / 38 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Engineering	3 / 35 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Education	4 / 35 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Encouragement	8 / 35 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Evaluation & Planning	3 / 35 pts
Equity & Accessibility Bonus Points	0 / 15 pts	



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FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE:

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

- » Ensure that your Complete Streets policy is followed for all projects, and that compliance is tracked. Ensuring compliance with a Complete Streets policy is an important and often low-cost way to add to your bicycle network. Striping bicycle lanes as part of repaving operations can save 40% of the cost of adding a bicycle lane. If necessary, revisit your Complete Streets policy and process to ensure better compliance.
- » 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.
- » Develop a design manual for bike facilities that meets current national standards or adopt the FHWA's Small Town and Rural Multimodal Network Guide. This will make it easier for City staff to propose and implement bicycle facility designs that have been shown to improve conditions for people who bike in other similar communities throughout the United States.
- » Revisit the City's zoning laws to enable mixed-use zoning to enable more bicycle-friendly developments and put your residents in closer walking and biking distance to their daily destinations.
- » Develop community-wide Bicycle Parking Standards to ensure that APBP-compliant bicycle parking is available in areas near transit and urban activity centers. Without secure and convenient bicycle parking it is difficult for a person to choose to ride their bicycle for transportation or utilitarian trips.
- » Increase bike safety education and learn-to-ride educational opportunities for youth, including in-school bike education. Work with local bicycle groups and interested parents to create Safe Routes to School programming and on-bike learning opportunities at all K-12 schools. Providing bicycles in schools for on-bike education is strongly encouraged to ensure that all students can learn to safely ride a bicycle regardless of the availability of a bicycle in their household.
- » Increase the number of local League Cycling Instructors (LCIs) in your community, either by hosting an LCI seminar or sponsoring a City staffer or local bike advocate to attend an existing seminar elsewhere. 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 for more information.
- » Expand bicycle education opportunities for adults. Partner with existing organizations like the library, YMCA, and community groups that may be willing to teach, host, or lead classes, workshops, or other educational sessions.
- » Work with local League Cycling Instructors (LCIs) and local employers to offer Bicycle Friendly Driver training to motorists in La Porte, particularly to professional drivers and fleet operators. Learn more at <https://bikeleague.org/bicyclefriendlydriver>.



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FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE, CONTINUED:

- » Develop encouragement outreach methods and programs that specifically target families, women, seniors, low-income, and people with disabilities, 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.
- » Your application indicated that your community is currently updating a 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. 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.
- » Involve the City's council people and budgeting system into bicycling improvement efforts in La Porte. Make sure that elected officials and decision makers are able to see and experience the benefits of building out your bike network, such as by hosting frequent community bike rides in which the Mayor and councilmembers are highly encouraged to participate.

MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

- » **League of American Bicyclists:** <https://www.bikeleague.org>
- » **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 League's Benchmarking Project on Biking and Walking Data and Reports:** <https://data.bikeleague.org>
- » **Bicycle Friendly State Rankings and Report Cards:** <https://bikeleague.org/state>
- » **Bicycle Friendly Business Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/business>
- » **Bicycle Friendly University Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/university>
- » **Smart Cycling Education Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/ridesmart>
- » **Advocacy Reports and Resources from the League:** <http://bikeleague.org/reports>
- » **Federal Funding Resources from the League:** <https://bikeleague.org/content/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