



## Corvallis, OR



**Award: Gold | Fall 2023**

**Award History:**  
Gold since 2003.

### Corvallis's BFA Program Stats

# of Local Bicycle Friendly Businesses: **0**  
 # of Local Bicycle Friendly Universities: **1**  
 # of Local League Cycling Instructors: **4**  
 Oregon's Bicycle Friendly State Ranking: **#2**

The 5 Es Category Scores	Corvallis	Max Score this round
Engineering	51.90%	79.3%
Education	59.92%	76.3%
Encouragement	49.77%	87.5%
Evaluation & Planning	35.61%	78.0%
Equity & Accessibility	30.03%	70.5%

Scores are determined by points earned in each 'E' Category, weighted against comparable communities in the Fall 2023 BFC round. See pages 2-3 for your full subcategory points in each Category.

### Community Profile

Population: 59,864  
 Area: 14.59 square miles  
 Population Density: 4103.1 people/square mile  
 Land Classification:  
 Mostly Suburban  
 Poverty Rate: 25.6%\*  
 Median Household Income: \$58,315\*  
 Percent of the Population that Speaks a Language Other Than English at Home: 17.4%\*  
 Percent with Disability: 10.7%\*  
 Percent of Households with No Vehicle Available: 9.6%\*

\*Source: [https://data.census.gov/profile/Corvallis\\_city,\\_Oregon?g=160XX00US4115800](https://data.census.gov/profile/Corvallis_city,_Oregon?g=160XX00US4115800)

### Corvallis's Bike Links

**Bike Network Map, if available:**  
 PDF available upon request.

**Bike Plan, if available:**  
<https://apps.corvallisoregon.gov/webdocs/showdoc.aspx?docID=1394706>

### Key Outcomes

**Overall Commuter Ridership: 8.3%**

Male Commuter Ridership: 8.1%

Female Commuter Ridership: 8.5%

*(Bicycle Mode Share among commuters, according to the Census Bureau's 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate.)*

**Bicycle Mode Share: 11%** (no source listed)

*(Reported by applicant)*

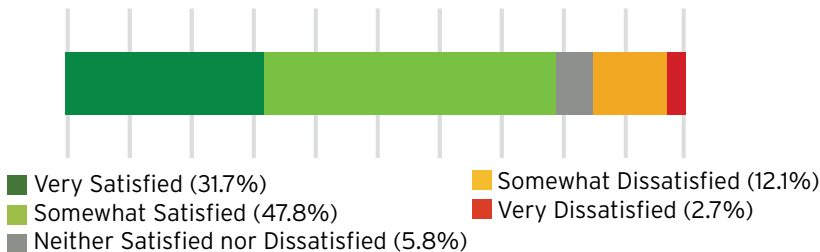
**Annual Average Bicyclist Crashes in last 5 years: No Data**

**Annual Average Bicyclist Fatalities in last 5 years: 0.4**

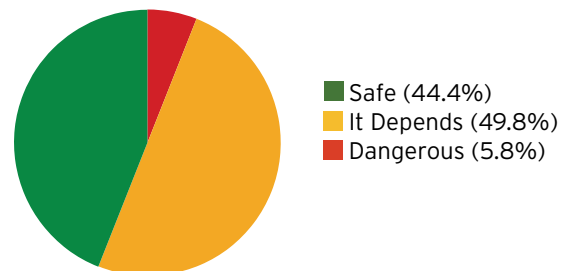
*(Crashes and Fatalities both reported by applicant)*

## Fall 2023 BFC Public Survey Response Summary for Corvallis, OR

**How satisfied are you with how this community is designed for making bike riding safe? (n = 224)**



**Is it safe or dangerous to ride a bicycle in your neighborhood, or does it depend? (n = 225)**



**What is the number one change you would most like to see the local government make in this community for bicyclists? (n = 226)**

1. Improve existing bike lanes to protected bike lanes (27.4%)
2. More bike paths (19.9%)
3. Reduce speeds through traffic calming and/or road diets (13.7%)

## About this Report Card

The following scores are based on the online application submitted by Corvallis in the Fall 2023 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 Fall 2023 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>.

<b>ENGINEERING</b>	<i>Corvallis earned a weighted score of 51.90% in the Engineering Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Corvallis earned in each subcategory within the Engineering section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the Fall 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Engineering Subcategories	Corvallis's Subcategory Points in Engineering
	Policies and Design Standards for the Built Environment	17.9 / 41 pts
	End-of-Trip Facilities	25.5 / 44 pts
	Bicycle Network	51.3 / 128 pts
	Network Maintenance	10.5 / 32 pts
	Bicycle Access to Public Transportation	3.5 / 23 pts
	Bike Sharing	3 / 24 pts
	Other Bicycle-Related Amenities	0.8 / 6 pts
	Regional Coordination	5 / 23 pts
Engineering Bonus Points	2.8 / 10 pts	

<b>EDUCATION</b>	<i>Corvallis earned a weighted score of 59.92% in the Education Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Corvallis earned in each subcategory of the Education section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the Fall 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Education Subcategories	Corvallis's Subcategory Points in Education
	Youth Bicycle Education	33 / 68 pts
	Adult Bicycle Education	19.1 / 47 pts
	Motorist Education	14 / 28 pts
	Bicycle Safety Education Resources	7.1 / 16 pts
	Inclusive Education	3.8 / 26 pts
	Education Bonus Points	1.5 / 7 pts

<b>ENCOURAGEMENT</b>	<i>Corvallis earned a weighted score of 49.77% in the Encouragement Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Corvallis earned in each subcategory of the Encouragement section section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the Fall 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Encouragement Subcategories	Corvallis's Subcategory Points in Encouragement
	Encouragement Policies, Programs and Partnerships	3.8 / 17 pts
	Route-Finding Support	5 / 10 pts
	Bicycle Culture and Promotion	33.3 / 91 pts
	Access To Bicycle Equipment and Repair Services	17.5 / 35 pts
	Reducing Work-Related/Fleet VMT	5 / 11 pts
	Encouragement Bonus Points	3.5 / 7 pts

<b>EVALUATION &amp; PLANNING</b>	<i>Corvallis earned a weighted score of 35.61% in the Evaluation &amp; Planning Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Corvallis earned in each subcategory of the Evaluation &amp; Planning section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the Fall 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Evaluation & Planning Subcategories	Corvallis's Subcategory Points in Evaluation & Planning
	Staffing And Committees	11.3 / 35 pts
	Public Engagement for Bicycle Planning	6.3 / 35 pts
	Planning, Funding, And Implementation	8.3 / 46 pts
	Evaluating The Bicycle Network	9.5 / 25 pts
	Evaluating Ridership	2.5 / 20 pts
	Evaluating & Improving Safety Outcomes	11.7 / 42 pts
Evaluation & Planning Bonus Points	4.2 / 15 pts	

<b>EQUITY &amp; ACCESSIBILITY</b>	<i>Corvallis earned a weighted score of 30.03% in the Equity &amp; Accessibility Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Corvallis earned in each subcategory of the Equity &amp; Accessibility section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the Fall 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Equity & Accessibility Subcategories	Corvallis's Subcategory Points in Equity & Accessibility
	Equity & Accessibility Staffing, Committees, & Partnerships	4.5 / 24 pts
	Equity Data Collection & Goals	1 / 27 pts
	Equity & Accessibility Policies & Plans	1.3 / 21 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Engineering	8.2 / 44 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Education	13 / 52 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Encouragement	11.7 / 42 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Evaluation & Planning	11 / 51 pts
Equity & Accessibility Bonus Points	0 / 9 pts	



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### FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE:

#### To maintain and improve on Corvallis's Gold-level Bicycle Friendly Community award, BFC Reviewers recommend...

- » Continue to expand, improve, and connect your low-stress bike network. In addition to identifying gaps and adding new facilities that will complete and connect the bicycle network, also work to upgrade existing facilities, such as by converting on-road painted bike lanes into protected bike lanes with appropriate separation and protection of bicyclists based on the level of motor vehicle speed and volume.
- » Establish a dedicated budget and adopt specific, measurable goals to support and track the implementation of the bicycle infrastructure recommended by the 2018 Corvallis Transportation System Plan.
- » Alternatively, develop and adopt a new official Bicycle Master Plan to build upon the bicycle sections of the City's Transportation System Plan. A dedicated Bicycle Master Plan can be a critical step to institutionalizing processes for continual improvement.
- » As part of any newly adopted plan or implementation goals, work to establish a performance measurement program for all bicycling and/or active transportation infrastructure in Corvallis. See FHWA's resources on this topic: [https://bit.ly/FHWA\\_bikepedPMs](https://bit.ly/FHWA_bikepedPMs).
- » Develop new tools or systems that will help the City continue to proactively involve, collaborate with, and empower residents to become more engaged in future bicycle planning, budgeting, and implementation processes. Consider developing a community-wide public engagement plan, guide, and/or toolkit to help improve and standardize future transportation engagement efforts. See the International Association for Public Participation's *Spectrum of Public Participation* for more information and resources.
- » Engage the City's new Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator position in future transportation and bicycling activities to result in more equitable and inclusive bicycle planning, outreach, engagement, and programming efforts.
- » It is great that 100% of your public schools offer bicycle education to all 5th grade students! Continue to expand on this success by forging partnerships with your community's private schools so that 100% of 5th grade students across all public and private schools have access to in-school, on-bike education.
- » Continue efforts to systematically work with emergency responders and local hospitals to collect and track bike crash data. Collecting data is an important step to addressing bike safety. Data about crashes should be used to identify where projects can resolve or mitigate safety issues.
- » 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. Consider using a tool like the Safer Streets Priority Finder to analyze crash data and identify High Injury areas of your network: <https://www.saferstreetspriorityfinder.com/>.



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### FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE, CONTINUED:

- » 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 Corvallis employers.
- » Continue working to launch a public bike share or shared micromobility system in the future. 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.
- » Adopt a goal for a target level of bicycle use (percent of trips made by bike) to be achieved within a specific timeframe, and ensure data collection necessary to monitor progress toward your adopted goal.

### MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

- » **Guide to this BFC Report Card:** <https://bit.ly/BFC-Report-Card-Guide-Fa23>
- » **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](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 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>
- » **Advocacy 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](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/funding/funding_opportunities.pdf)
- » **U.S. DOT Navigator:** <https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator>