



# FARMINGTON, CT

TOTAL POPULATION

25572

POPULATION DENSITY

904.5

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

28.8

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 0

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 0

## 10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Silver	Farmington
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	35%	0%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	48%	51%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	GOOD
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	11%	10%
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 EVERY TWO MONTHS
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	UNDER DEVELOPMENT
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 78K	1 PER 6K

## CATEGORY SCORES

<b>ENGINEERING</b> <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	5 / 10
<b>EDUCATION</b> <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	4 / 10
<b>ENCOURAGEMENT</b> <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	6 / 10
<b>ENFORCEMENT</b> <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i>	7 / 10
<b>EVALUATION &amp; PLANNING</b> <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	4 / 10

## KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Silver	Farmington
<b>RIDERSHIP</b> <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	2.7%	0.1%
<b>SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES</b> <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	537	769
<b>SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES</b> <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	6.3	0



## KEY STEPS TO SILVER



» 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 programming for all schools. Consider creating a traffic garden or other safe place where students can learn how to behave on roads in a safe environment.

» Ensure that high speed and/or high volume roads do not pose a barrier to bicycling in your community. Your application indicated a lack of bicycle facilities on high speed roads. While it is possible that trails provide suitable alternatives to those high speed roads it is important that those trails are connected to on-road facilities that allow people to safely and comfortably reach their destinations.

» Coordinate with adjacent Towns to create signed or otherwise integrated connections for people who bike.

» There are limited connections between neighborhoods and many

large roads in Farmington. Install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons or the crossing improvements to ensure that people biking and walking can safely cross roads.

» 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. Your bike plan should build upon other recently completed plans for your downtown, park system, and infill development to create a safe, comfortable, and connected bicycle network.

» Adopt a target level of bicycle use (percent of trips) to be achieved within a specific timeframe, and ensure data collection necessary to monitor progress.

» Continue your efforts to coordinate actions with developers and state agencies to get bicycle facilities created or improved. Recent successes such as the reconfiguration of a sidewalk and improved lane striping are good projects to replicate moving forward.