



Greater Grand Forks, ND/MN



Award: Bronze | Spring 2023

Award History:

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The 5 Es Category Scores	Greater Grand Forks	Max Score this round
Engineering	22%	53%
Education	29%	56%
Encouragement	21%	68%
Evaluation & Planning	21%	42%
Equity & Accessibility	7%	37%

Percentages shown above are the points received out of total points available in that category. See pages 2-3 for Greater Grand Forks' subcategory points earned within each Category.

Key Outcomes

Overall Commuter Ridership: 0.4%*

Male Commuter Ridership: 0.8%*

Female Commuter Ridership: 0.1%*

(Bicycle Mode Share among commuters, according to the Census Bureau's 2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate.)

Bicycle Mode Share: Unknown

(Reported by applicant)

Annual Average Bicyclist Crashes in last 5 years: 13

Annual Average Bicyclist Fatalities in last 5 years: 0

(Crashes and Fatalities both reported by applicant)

Greater Grand Forks' BFA Program Stats

of Local Bicycle Friendly Businesses: **0**

of Local Bicycle Friendly Universities: **0**

of Local League Cycling Instructors: **0**

North Dakota's Bicycle Friendly State Ranking: **#38**

Minnesota's Bicycle Friendly State Ranking: **#5**

Community Profile

Population: 68,160

Area: 26.5 square miles

Population Density: 2572 people/square mile

Land Classification: Mixed Urban/Suburban

Poverty Rate: 15.3%*

Median Household Income: \$59,755*

Percent of the Population that Speaks a

Language Other Than English at Home: 6.6%*

Percent with Disability: 11.2%*

Percent of Households with No Vehicle Available: 1.8%*

**Note stats are for Grand Forks ND only. Source: https://data.census.gov/profile/Grand_Forks_city;_North_Dakota?g=160XX00US3832060*

Greater Grand Forks' Bike Links

Bike Network Map, if available:

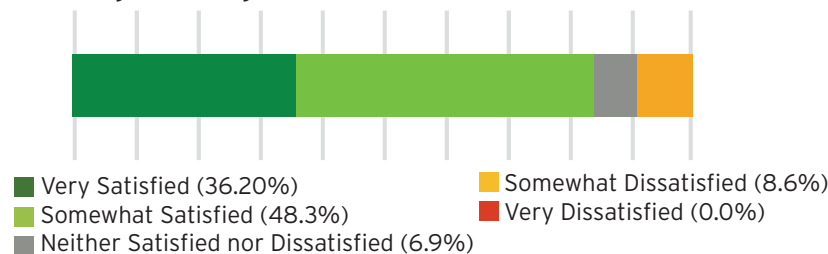
N/A

Bike Plan, if available:

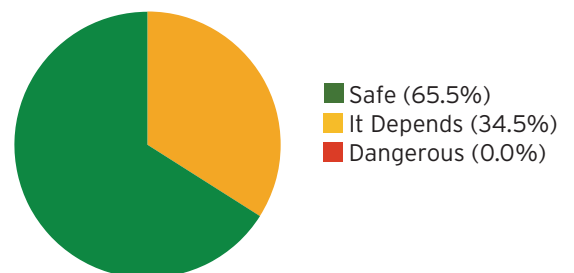
https://cdn5-hosted.civiclive.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_16222865/File/Plans%20and%20Programs/2045%20Metropolitan%20Transportation%20Plan/full-document.pdf

Spring 2023 BFC Public Survey Response Summary for Greater Grand Forks, ND

How satisfied are you with how this community is designed for making bike riding safe? (n = 58)



Is it safe or dangerous to ride a bicycle in your neighborhood, or does it depend? (n = 58)



What is the number one change you would most like to see the local government make in this community for bicyclists? (n = 58)

1. More bike paths (32.8%)
2. Improve public decision-making processes for transportation improvements, including bicycling improvements (13.8%)
3. More bike lanes (12.1%)
4. Improve markings and signage that direct people to safe bike routes (8.6%)

About this Report Card

The following scores are based on the online application submitted by Greater Grand Forks in the Spring 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 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 Spring 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>.

ENGINEERING	<i>Greater Grand Forks earned 22% of the points available in the Engineering Category. Below is the breakdown of points that Greater Grand Forks earned in each subcategory of the Engineering section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Spring 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Engineering Subcategories	Greater Grand Forks' Subcategory Points in Engineering
	Policies and Design Standards for the Built Environment	5 / 41 pts
	End-of-Trip Facilities	6 / 44 pts
	Bicycle Network	19 / 128 pts
	Network Maintenance	18 / 32 pts
	Bicycle Access to Public Transportation	8 / 23 pts
	Bike Sharing	7 / 21 pts
	Other Bicycle-Related Amenities	1 / 6 pts
	Regional Coordination	6 / 23 pts
Engineering Bonus Points	3 / 10 pts	

EDUCATION	<i>Greater Grand Forks earned 29% of the points available in the Education Category. Below is the breakdown of points that Greater Grand Forks earned in each subcategory of the Education section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Spring 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Education Subcategories	Greater Grand Forks' Subcategory Points in Education
	Youth Bicycle Education	15 / 69 pts
	Adult Bicycle Education	20 / 47 pts
	Motorist Education	12 / 28 pts
	Bicycle Safety Education Resources	3 / 16 pts
	Inclusive Education	4 / 26 pts
Education Bonus Points	2 / 7 pts	

ENCOURAGEMENT	<i>Greater Grand Forks earned 21% of the points available in the Encouragement Category. Below is the breakdown of points that Greater Grand Forks earned in each subcategory of the Encouragement section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Spring 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Encouragement Subcategories	Greater Grand Forks' Subcategory Points in Encouragement
	Encouragement Policies, Programs and Partnerships	3 / 17 pts
	Route-Finding Support	4 / 10 pts
	Bicycle Culture and Promotion	17 / 91 pts
	Access To Bicycle Equipment and Repair Services	5 / 35 pts
	Reducing Work-Related/Fleet VMT	5 / 11 pts
	Encouragement Bonus Points	2 / 7 pts

EVALUATION & PLANNING	<i>Greater Grand Forks earned 21% of the points available in the Evaluation & Planning Category. Below is the breakdown of points that Greater Grand Forks earned in each subcategory of the Evaluation & Planning section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Spring 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Evaluation & Planning Subcategories	Greater Grand Forks' Subcategory Points in Evaluation & Planning
	Staffing And Committees	10 / 40 pts
	Public Engagement for Bicycle Planning	10 / 35 pts
	Planning, Funding, And Implementation	11 / 46 pts
	Evaluating The Bicycle Network	0 / 24 pts
	Evaluating Ridership	0 / 20 pts
	Evaluating & Improving Safety Outcomes	13 / 42 pts
Evaluation & Planning Bonus Points	1 / 7 pts	

EQUITY & ACCESSIBILITY	<i>Greater Grand Forks earned 7% of the points available in the Equity & Accessibility Category. Below is the breakdown of points that Greater Grand Forks earned in each subcategory of the Equity & Accessibility section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Spring 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Equity & Accessibility Subcategories	Greater Grand Forks' Subcategory Points in Equity & Accessibility
	Equity & Accessibility Staffing, Committees, & Partnerships	4 / 24 pts
	Equity Data Collection & Goals	0 / 12 pts
	Equity & Accessibility Policies & Plans	4 / 31 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Engineering	2 / 44 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Education	5 / 52 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Encouragement	1 / 42 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Evaluation & Planning	2 / 58 pts
Equity & Accessibility Bonus Points	0 / 9 pts	



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FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE:

To maintain and improve on Greater Grand Forks' Bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community award, BFC Reviewers recommend...

- » Lower speed limits -- and designed speeds -- on residential streets to 20 mph or less. Introduce road diets and traffic calming measures to ensure compliance. Develop a system of bicycle boulevards, utilizing these quiet neighborhood streets, that creates an attractive, convenient, and comfortable cycling environment welcoming to cyclists of all ages and skill levels. Use the Bicycle Boulevards section of the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide for design guidelines.
- » Develop a design manual that meets current NACTO standards or adopt the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design 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 cities throughout the United States. 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 stronger ordinances requiring sidewalks and shared-use path connections in all new housing developments.
- » Conduct a connectivity analysis and network quality evaluation of your existing bicycle network, and work to identify and fill gaps. Establish a performance measurement program for bicycling and/or active transportation infrastructure. See FHWA's resources on these topics: https://bit.ly/FHWA_connectivity and https://bit.ly/FHWA_bikepedPMs.
- » Develop a bicycle wayfinding system to strategic locations around the community, integrating preferred on-street routes and off-street facilities.
- » Congratulations on the launch and success of the Grand Rides bike share program! Consider increasing the number of bikes available through the program, to meet growing demand.
- » Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the community, and to upgrade the quality of existing bike parking to meet APBP standards. Adopt a bike parking ordinance for new and existing buildings that specifies the amount and location of secure, convenient bike parking available. Develop community-wide Bicycle Parking Standards that adhere to current APBP guidelines. (See www.apbp.org/bicycle-parking-solutions)
- » 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.
- » Increase the number of local League Cycling Instructors (LCIs) in your community, either by hosting an LCI seminar in partnership with BikeMN, 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.
- » Celebrate National Bike Month as a community every May. Work with local employers to create a Bike to Work Day event. Bike to Work Day often involves a central "pit stop" station with food, community groups, and elected officials promoting and helping people to choose to bike to work.
- » Encourage more local businesses to join your Bike Benefit Program, and encourage the nine businesses that already do participate to explore what other ways they could continue to strengthen the ways they support and encourage bicycling year-round. Use the framework of the Bicycle Friendly Business program to engage with more local businesses, agencies, and organizations to promote cycling to their employees and customers.



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FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE, CONTINUED:

- » Encourage University of North Dakota to apply to the Bicycle Friendly University program to help identify more ways the campus and administrators can support bicycling safety and promotion to students, staff, faculty, neighboring residents, and visitors.
- » Develop education and encouragement outreach methods and programs that specifically target families, women, seniors, low-income residents, 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.
- » Increase the amount of staff time spent on improving conditions for people who bike and walk, either by creating a new dedicated position or expanding the responsibilities of current staff. Ensure that this position is well supported with training and professional development opportunities to stay up-to-speed on the latest best practices and safety guidelines for bicycle planning, outreach, and infrastructure.
- » 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.

MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

- » **Guide to this BFC Report Card:** <https://bit.ly/BFC-Report-Card-Guide-Sp23>
- » **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
- » **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 (BFB) Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/business>
- » **Bicycle Friendly University (BFU) 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/take-action/policy-advocacy/federal-policy/federal-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
- » **U.S. DOT Navigator:** <https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator>