



Bicycle Friendly Community  
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# Becoming A Bicycle Friendly Community



*The Bicycle Friendly Community Program  
inspires communities to improve conditions  
and opportunities for bicycling.*

## About the League

The League of American Bicyclists promotes bicycling for fun, fitness and transportation and works through advocacy and education for a Bicycle Friendly America. The League represents the interests of the nation's 57 million cyclists. With a current membership of 300,000 affiliated cyclists, including 25,000 individuals and 700 affiliated organizations, the League works to bring better bicycling to your community. Learn more about the League at [www.bikeleague.org](http://www.bikeleague.org).



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*“This type of recognition for the region enhances Tucson’s image as a great destination for bicyclists and outdoor enthusiasts. When people visit the Tucson region, they have an opportunity to experience all the natural and cultural amenities we offer. We are proud of the gold award, and we will continue to improve in the future.”*  
-Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup



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## What is a Bicycle Friendly Community?

A Bicycle Friendly Community welcomes cyclists by providing well-engineered bicycle facilities, creating new places to ride, educating motorists and cyclists on the rules of the road, and encouraging people to bike for transportation and recreation.



### Why should my community apply?

Bicycle Friendly Communities have a high quality of life that translates into sustainable development, tourism, business growth and even increased property values. Encouraging bicycling is an effective way to increase physical activity, improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion and foreign oil dependence, and tackle climate change and obesity. Benefits for the 360 communities that have applied for BFC status include:

- Inspiration to do more
- Technical assistance and training
- Grants and funding notification
- Recognition and promotion

### What are the requirements?

The Bicycle Friendly Community application is an audit of a community's efforts to create a bicycling culture. The audit reviews engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation and planning efforts for bicycling.

### Who reviews applications?

Each application is reviewed by national experts and local cyclists to determine whether the community should get a BFC designation. Feedback from the reviewers creates a valuable roadmap for action.

### How will my community be recognized?

The League will recognize deserving communities at one of four award levels: bronze, silver, gold, or platinum. The League will issue a press release, and will present an award and two highway-quality road signs at a local ceremony or celebration.

### What if my community isn't designated bicycle friendly?

Get involved with your local bike club or advocacy organization, join your community's bicycle advisory committee and work with your city staff. Use the BFC application and feedback as a task list to improve the state of cycling in your community — then apply again! Every applicant gets in-depth feedback, so applying is well worth your time.

### Where can I get an application?

The BFC application is available at [www.bicyclefriendlycommunity.org](http://www.bicyclefriendlycommunity.org). The site also provides resources and technical assistance to help you with the on-line application. Contact the League of American Bicyclists at 202-822-1333 or [info@bicyclefriendlycommunity.org](mailto:info@bicyclefriendlycommunity.org) to receive more information.

### What are the next steps?

- 1 Access the application and resources at [www.bicyclefriendlycommunity.org](http://www.bicyclefriendlycommunity.org).
- 2 Create a partnership between local government and advocates to complete the application.
- 3 Submit a completed application at [www.bicyclefriendlycommunity.org](http://www.bicyclefriendlycommunity.org).



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