



BELLINGHAM, WA

TOTAL POPULATION

86,720

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

27.8

POPULATION DENSITY

3,119

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES **5**

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES **0**

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Gold	Bellingham
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	35%	6%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	80%	33%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	13%	50%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	VERY GOOD	EXCELLENT
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS AT LEAST MONTHLY	MONTHLY OR MORE FREQUENTLY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	GOOD	ACCEPTABLE
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 36K	1 PER 86K

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	4.4 /10
EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	6.4 /10
ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	7.5 /10
ENFORCEMENT <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i>	3.8 /10
EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	6.5 /10

KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Gold	Bellingham
RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	5.2%	3.7%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	291	19
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	2.6	3.2



KEY STEPS TO GOLD



- » Congratulations on adopting the Bellingham Bicycle Master Plan in 2014 and Complete Networks Ordinance in 2016. Continue working to implement/follow these plans, with a particular emphasis on increasing protected bike lanes and other appropriate facilities on high speed/high volume roads.
- » Identify a law enforcement officer who would like to be a representative of the police department to the bicycling community, including engaging with city staff and bicycle advisory committee members on bicycling-related issues. Provide education to law enforcement officers on traffic laws as they apply to bicyclists and motorists and bicycling skills. Ensure that law enforcement officers who are not certified or trained as bicycle patrol officers nevertheless have basic

training or experience with bicycling in your community in order to foster great interactions between bicyclists and police officers.

- » Continue efforts to improve data-driven enforcement and road safety operations and Vision Zero activities. Consider whether the adoption of a local Vision Zero policy would be an effective way to reduce roadway crashes and fatalities.
- » Ensure that high speed and/or high volume roads do not pose a barrier to bicycling in your community. Your application indicated that few roads with posted speed limits of 35 mph or greater have bicycle facilities. Road and/or lane diets may be appropriate for calming traffic while providing safe and comfortable places for people to bike and walk.