



BOSTON, MA

TOTAL POPULATION
673,184
TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)
48.4

POPULATION DENSITY
13,909

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES **26**

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES **1**

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Gold	Boston
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	35%	0%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	80%	6%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	AVERAGE
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	13%	4%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	VERY GOOD	VERY GOOD
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS AT LEAST MONTHLY	MONTHLY OR MORE FREQUENTLY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	GOOD	AVERAGE
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	SOMEWHAT
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 36K	1 PER 79K

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	4.4 /10
EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	3.9 /10
ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	5.1 /10
ENFORCEMENT <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i>	4.2 /10
EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	5.0 /10

KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Gold	Boston
RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	5.2%	1.9%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	291	750
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	2.6	3.1



KEY STEPS TO GOLD



- » Adopt bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume.
- » Continue to expand the bicycle network in Boston. On roads where automobile speeds regularly exceed 35 mph, it is recommended to provide protected bicycle infrastructure such as protected bike lanes/cycle tracks or buffered bike lanes.
- » 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 expand and improve your in-

school bicycle education program.

- » 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.