



# DECATUR, GA

TOTAL POPULATION

22,813

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

4.27

POPULATION DENSITY

5,431

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

0

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES

0

## 10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Silver	Decatur
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	40%	0%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	47%	21%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	GOOD
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	11%	30%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	GOOD	GOOD
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS EVERY TWO MONTHS	NONE
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	SOME	GOOD
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 91K	1 PER 7.6K

## CATEGORY SCORES

<b>ENGINEERING</b> <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	3.8 /10
<b>EDUCATION</b> <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	3.7 /10
<b>ENCOURAGEMENT</b> <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	3.1 /10
<b>ENFORCEMENT</b> <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i>	4.0 /10
<b>EVALUATION &amp; PLANNING</b> <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	4.1 /10

## KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Silver	Decatur
<b>RIDERSHIP</b> <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	2.6%	1.2%
<b>SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES</b> <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	549	833
<b>SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES</b> <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	7.3	16.7



## KEY STEPS TO SILVER



- » Congratulations on your recent adoption of the Decatur PATH Connectivity and Implementation Plan! Successful implementation of this plan will be critical to moving up to the Silver award level and beyond.
- » Your reported roadway network showed that there are many low-speed streets without bicycle facilities. Develop a network of bike boulevards/neighborhood greenways to take advantage of these low-speed streets to encourage and optimize bicycle travel on low-stress corridors. Diverters, wayfinding, chicanes, and other treatments can be effective at reducing vehicle speeds and promoting the bicycle-oriented nature of a bike boulevard.
- » Bicycle-safety education should be a routine part of education, for students of all ages. Work with your local bicycle groups or interested parents to expand and improve the Safe Routes to School program to all schools. In particular, high school education efforts could be improved.

- » Adopting a comprehensive safety plan or a broader Vision Zero policy would aid in creating engineering, education, and enforcement strategies to reduce traffic crashes and deaths for all road users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. Road diets, lane diets, and traffic calming treatments are important engineering components for addressing safety.
- » Create a bicycle count program that utilizes several methods of data collection to create an understanding of current bicyclists and the effects of new facilities on bicycling in Decatur. Automated bicycle counters can provide long-term data on bicycle use at fixed points while mobile counters can provide periodic or before/after data related to a change in your communities road or bicycle network. Observational counts can supplement automated data in order to examine social equity goals.