VAIL, CO

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities  35%  13%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage  80%  157%
Bicycle Education in Schools  GOOD  ACCEPTABLE
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Biking  13%  UNKNOWN
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events  VERY GOOD  AVERAGE
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group  YES  YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee  MEETS AT LEAST MONTHLY  MONTHLY OR MORE FREQUENTLY
Bicycle–Friendly Laws & Ordinances  GOOD  NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented  YES  SOMEWHAT
Bike Program Staff to Population  1 PER 36K  1 PER 5K

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING
Bicycle network and connectivity  2.9/10
EDUCATION
Motorist awareness and bicycling skills  0.8/10
ENCOURAGEMENT
Mainstreaming bicycling culture  4.1/10
ENFORCEMENT
Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists’ rights  3.8/10
EVALUATION & PLANNING
Setting targets and having a plan  2.4/10

KEY OUTCOMES

RIDERSHIP
Percentage of Commuters who bike  5.2%  2.8%
SAFETY MEASURES
CRASHES
Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters  291  538
SAFETY MEASURES
FATALITIES
Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters  2.6  0.0

KEY STEPS TO GOLD

» Develop a design manual that meets current NACTO standards or adopt the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide. This will make it easier for Town staff to propose and implement bicycle facility designs that have been shown to improve conditions for people who bike in other communities throughout the United States.

» Bicycle-safety education should be a routine part of education for students of all ages, and schools and their surrounding neighborhoods should be particularly safe and convenient for biking and walking. Work with local bicycle groups and interested parents to create an in-school bicycle education program and frequent Bike to School Day events.

» Offer regular bicycling skills training opportunities for adults or encourage your local bicycle advocacy group or bike shop to help. Classes that teach skills that improve bike commuting can help people make what is possible practical.

» The current on-street bicycle network does not appear to include striped bicycle lanes. Consider upgrading some of Vail’s existing wide shoulders into formal bike lanes, as well as road diets, lane diets, or other ways to create space for striped bicycle lanes within your public rights of way. Bicycle lanes can be effective traffic calming measures and provide a more comfortable experience for many bicyclists.

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