» Continue to work toward ACHD’s 2018 Bike Master Plan’s primary goal to “Complete and maintain a bicycle facility network that maximizes safety, provides connectivity, and supports the bicycle as a viable transportation option among the residents of Ada County and its six cities.” In improving and expanding the bikeway network, ensure that the County follows a bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume.

» Establish a stronger mechanism to evaluate and inventory the quality of new and existing bike facilities, and ensure that all new and upgraded facilities meet national safety standards in terms of width and appropriate level of protection based on motor vehicle speed and volume of roadways.

» Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the County. Ensure that APBP-compliant bicycle parking is available in areas near popular destinations and urban activity centers. Without secure and convenient bike parking it is difficult for a person to choose to ride their bicycle for transportation or utilitarian trips.

» Expand bicycle safety education to be a routine part of education for students of all ages, and ensure that schools and the surrounding neighborhoods are particularly safe and convenient for biking and walking. Work with local bicycle groups and interested parents to create Safe Routes to School programming for all K-12 schools in the County.

KEY STEPS TO GOLD
» Work with local League Cycling Instructors (LCIs) to offer Bicycle Friendly Driver training to motorists in Ada County, particularly to professional drivers and fleet operators.

» Adopt a target level of bicycle use (percent of trips) to be achieved within a specific timeframe, and ensure data collection necessary to monitor progress. Continue to develop a bicycle count program that utilizes several methods of data collection including automated bicycle counters to provide long-term data on bicycle use at fixed points and mobile counters to provide periodic or before/after data related to changes in your community’s road or bicycle network. Observational counts and surveys can supplement automated data in order to collect demographic information and examine social equity goals.

» Adopt a comprehensive road safety plan or a Vision Zero policy to identify specific 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.

» Continue to engage with local active transportation advocates, bike clubs, shops, and others in the bicycling community to ensure there is an inclusive and participatory planning process for expanding and improving Ada County’s bicycle network and programming.

MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

» League of American Bicyclists: https://www.bikeleague.org


» Resources for Building a Bicycle Friendly Community: https://bikeleague.org/BFC_Resources

» Building Blocks of a Bicycle Friendly Community: https://bikeleague.org/content/building-blocks-bicycle-friendly-communities

» The Five E’s: https://bikeleague.org/5-es

» Smart Cycling Program: https://bikeleague.org/ridesmart

» Advocacy Reports and Resources: http://bikeleague.org/reports