Congratulations on adopting the 2019 Bicycle Master Plan, and the recent launch of a Vision Zero Initiative in Hartford. Establish a dedicated annual budget for implementation of the Bike Plan, and ensure there is ongoing funding to support the Vision Zero Initiative, in addition to funding for ongoing bicycle programming and infrastructure development/maintenance.

Continue to expand and improve the bike network throughout Hartford and ensure that your community continues to follow a bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume.

Take advantage of Hartford’s high number of low-speed streets as well as the recently awarded Made to Move grant to develop a network of bike boulevards/neighborhood greenways throughout the community. Diverters, wayfinding, chicanes, and other treatments can be effective at reducing vehicle speeds and promoting the bicycle-oriented nature of a bike boulevard to encourage and optimize bicycle travel on these low-stress corridors.

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, and to appoint or hire a Safe Routes to School Coordinator to oversee this important work. Consider initiating a community-wide Bike to School Day event every Fall and Spring to celebrate and further encourage schools’ efforts.
» 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.

» Build on the success of the BID’s free roadside bicycle assistance and develop a community-wide trip reduction ordinance/program, commuter incentive program, and/or a Guaranteed Ride Home program to encourage and support bike commuters in Hartford.

» Continue efforts to reinstate a bike share system that is open to the public. As Hartford found previously, bike sharing is a convenient, cost effective, and healthy way of encouraging locals and visitors to make short trips by bike, make bicycling more accessible to all, and to bridge the ‘last mile’ between public transit and destinations.

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: https://bikeleague.org/reports

» Bicycle Friendly Business Program: https://bikeleague.org/business

» National Bike Month: https://bikeleague.org/bikemonth