



# LOS ALAMOS, NM

TOTAL POPULATION

19,419

POPULATION DENSITY

178

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

109

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

1

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES

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## 10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Silver	Los Alamos
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	35%	110%
Total on- and off-road Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	48%	107%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	VERY GOOD
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	11%	25%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	GOOD	AVERAGE
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS EVERY TWO MONTHS	MEETS AT LEAST MONTHLY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	GOOD	VERY GOOD
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 78K	1 PER 9.7K

## CATEGORY SCORES

<b>ENGINEERING</b> <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	3.3 /10
<b>EDUCATION</b> <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	3.7 /10
<b>ENCOURAGEMENT</b> <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	3.9 /10
<b>EVALUATION &amp; PLANNING</b> <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	5.3 /10

## KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Silver	Los Alamos
<b>RIDERSHIP</b> <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	2.7%	2.64%
<b>SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES</b> <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	537	39
<b>SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES</b> <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	6.3	0



## KEY STEPS TO SILVER



» Continue to expand and improve Los Alamos County's on-road bike network and ensure that your community follows a bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume, to maximize safety and comfort for bicyclists of all ages and abilities. Identify gaps and add new facilities that complete and expand the bicycle network, and work to upgrade existing facilities, such as by converting wide paved shoulders into dedicated protected bike lanes and turning roads with sharrows into dedicated bicycle boulevards through traffic calming measures. Consider using FHWA's Bikeway Selection Guide to inform these upgrades: [https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped\\_bike/tools\\_solve/docs/fhwasa18077.pdf](https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike/tools_solve/docs/fhwasa18077.pdf)

» Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the community, and to upgrade the quality of existing bike parking to meet APBP standards. Adopt a bike parking ordinance for new and existing buildings that specifies the amount and location of secure, convenient, APBP-compliant bike parking available.

» Develop bicycle education opportunities for adults. Consider ways to target demographics who currently do not feel safe riding with classes or events that address their concerns and create an inclusive, welcoming environment.

» Host a League Cycling Instructor (LCI) seminar to increase the number of local LCIs in your community. Having several

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## KEY STEPS TO SILVER CONTINUED

active instructors in the area will enable you to expand cycling education for youth and adults, recruit more knowledgeable cycling ambassadors, deliver Bicycle Friendly Driver education to motorists, and have experts available to assist in encouragement programs. Visit [bikeleague.org/ridesmart](https://bikeleague.org/ridesmart) for more information.

» Expand on-bike 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 the school district, local bicycle groups, and interested parents to create on-bike learning opportunities and Safe Routes to School programming for all K-12 schools. Providing more bicycles in schools for on-bike education ensures that all students can learn to safely ride a bicycle regardless of the availability of a bicycle in their household.

» Work with the local school district and interested parents to organize a Bike to School Day event every Fall and Spring. Bike to School Day events can include competitions related to bicycle use, outreach to parents, and coordination between the schools and the city to create safer routes to schools.

» 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 a 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 target level of bicycle use (percent of trips) to be achieved within a specific timeframe, and ensure data collection necessary to monitor progress.

» Launch a bike share system that is open to the public. 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.

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### MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

- » League of American Bicyclists: <https://www.bikeleague.org>
- » Guide to the BFC Report Card: [https://bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/Guide\\_to\\_the\\_Bicycle\\_Friendly\\_Community\\_Report\\_Card.pdf](https://bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/Guide_to_the_Bicycle_Friendly_Community_Report_Card.pdf)
- » Resources for Building a Bicycle Friendly Community: [https://bikeleague.org/BFC\\_Resources](https://bikeleague.org/BFC_Resources)
- » Building Blocks of a Bicycle Friendly Community: <https://bikeleague.org/content/building-blocks-bicycle-friendly-communities>
- » About the BFC Application Process: <https://bikeleague.org/content/about-bfc-application-process>
- » The Five E's: <https://bikeleague.org/5-es>
- » Tips for Current and Aspiring BFCs: <https://bikeleague.org/BFC-tips>
- » 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>

