



## San Jose, CA



**Award: Silver | Fall 2022**  
**Award History:**  
 Previously Bronze 2006-2017.

### San Jose's BFA Program Stats

# of Local Bicycle Friendly Businesses: **5**  
 # of Local Bicycle Friendly Universities: **0**  
 # of Local League Cycling Instructors: **17**  
 California's Bicycle Friendly State Ranking: **#4**

The 5 Es Category Scores	San Jose	Max Score this round
Engineering	62%	62%
Education	52%	60%
Encouragement	61%	61%
Evaluation & Planning	45%	64%
Equity & Accessibility	54%	57%

Percentages shown above are the points received out of points available in that category. See pages 2-3 for San Jose's subcategory points earned within each Category.

### Community Profile

Population: 1,013,240  
 Area: 178.26 square miles  
 Population Density: 5684.06 people/square mile  
 Land Classification:  
 Mixed Suburban/Urban/Rural  
 Poverty Rate: 8.3%\*  
 Median Household Income: \$117,324\*  
 Percent of the Population that Speaks a Language Other Than English at Home: 57.7%\*  
 Percent with Disability: 8.8%\*  
 Percent of Households with No Vehicle Available: 5.5%\*  
 \*Source: <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/profile?q=1600000US0668000>

### Key Outcomes

**Commuter Ridership: 0.6%**

(Bicycle Mode Share among commuters, according to the Census Bureau's American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate)

**Overall Bicycle Mode Share: 3%**

(Reported by applicant)

**Annual Average Bicyclist Crashes in last 5 years: 239**

(Reported by applicant)

**Annual Average Bicyclist Fatalities in last 5 years: 5.4**

(Reported by applicant)

### San Jose's Bike Links

**Bike Network Map, if available:**

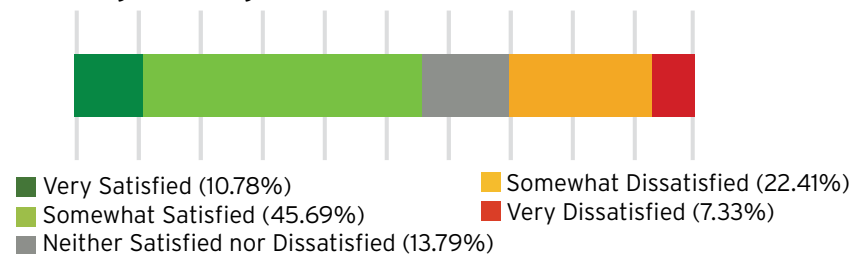
<https://csj.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=b27b0de4d6cc40a1a75ae394c4d8f333>

**Bike Plan, if available:**

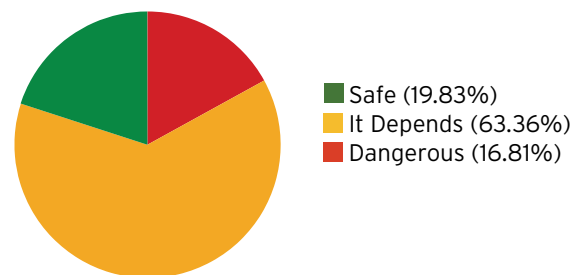
<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/transportation/walking-and-biking/better-bike-plan-2025>

### Fall 2022 BFC Public Survey Response Summary for San Jose, CA

**How satisfied are you with how this community is designed for making bike riding safe? (n = 232)**



**Is it safe or dangerous to ride a bicycle in your neighborhood, or does it depend? (n = 232)**



**What is the number one change you would most like to see the local government make in this community for bicyclists? (n = 231)**

1. Improve existing bike lanes to protected bike lanes (23.81%)
2. More bike lanes (13.42%)
3. More bike paths (12.55%)
4. Increase education for drivers (12.55%)

## About this Report Card

The following scores are based on the online application submitted by San Jose in the Fall 2022 Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) submission round. These scores reflect a combination of automatically-generated points earned through the online application, as well as judge-assigned points and bonus points given by BFC reviewers.

The League updated its Bicycle Friendly Community application and awards criteria in the Summer of 2022, after nearly a year of research, focus groups, interviews, listening sessions, and other outreach. The updated application includes a new section on Equity and Accessibility, and other changes throughout. As such, **this Bicycle Friendly Community Report card is a beta version** as we refine our new scoring system and develop a greater understanding of how to convey new information.

All Fall 2022 BFC Report Cards (including this one) will be republished with updated scores if there are changes to the points system after the next round of Bicycle Friendly Community applications. To learn more about the BFC application and awards criteria, please visit <https://bikeleague.org/community>.

<b>ENGINEERING</b>	<i>San Jose earned 62% of the points available in the Engineering Category. Below is the breakdown of points that San Jose earned in each subcategory of the Engineering section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Fall 2022 BFC application.</i>	
	Engineering Subcategories	San Jose's Subcategory Points in Engineering
	Policies and Design Standards for the Built Environment	20 / 38 pts
	End-of-Trip Facilities	36 / 41 pts
	Bicycle Network	66 / 126 pts
	Network Maintenance	19 / 32 pts
	Bicycle Access to Public Transportation	20 / 22 pts
	Bike Sharing	8 / 25 pts
	Other Bicycle-Related Amenities	5 / 6 pts
	Regional Coordination	14 / 16 pts
Engineering Bonus Points	7 / 9 pts	

<b>EDUCATION</b>	<i>San Jose earned 52% of the points available in the Education Category. Below is the breakdown of points that San Jose earned in each subcategory of the Education section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Fall 2022 BFC application.</i>	
	Education Subcategories	San Jose's Subcategory Points in Education
	Youth Bicycle Education	20 / 71 pts
	Adult Bicycle Education	37 / 47 pts
	Motorist Education	23 / 28 pts
	Bicycle Safety Education Resources	8 / 22 pts
	Inclusive Education	9 / 22 pts
Education Bonus Points	5 / 8 pts	

<b>ENCOURAGEMENT</b>	<i>San Jose earned 61% of the points available in the Encouragement Category. Below is the breakdown of points that San Jose earned in each subcategory of the Encouragement section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Fall 2022 BFC application.</i>	
	Encouragement Subcategories	San Jose's Subcategory Points in Encouragement
	Encouragement Policies, Programs and Partnerships	11 / 22 pts
	Route-Finding Support	9 / 10 pts
	Bicycle Culture and Promotion	61 / 99 pts
	Access To Bicycle Equipment and Repair Services	29 / 49 pts
	Reducing Work-Related/Fleet VMT	6 / 10 pts
	Encouragement Bonus Points	5 / 8 pts

<b>EVALUATION &amp; PLANNING</b>	<i>San Jose earned 45% of the points available in the Evaluation &amp; Planning Category. Below is the breakdown of points that San Jose earned in each subcategory of the Evaluation &amp; Planning section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Fall 2022 BFC application.</i>	
	Evaluation & Planning Subcategories	San Jose's Subcategory Points in Evaluation & Planning
	Staffing And Committees	31 / 42 pts
	Public Engagement for Bicycle Planning	24 / 33 pts
	Planning, Funding, And Implementation	23 / 46 pts
	Evaluating The Bicycle Network	11 / 21 pts
	Evaluating Ridership	13 / 21 pts
	Evaluating & Improving Safety Outcomes	-11 / 38 pts
Evaluation & Planning Bonus Points	3 / 8 pts	

<b>EQUITY &amp; ACCESSIBILITY</b>	<i>San Jose earned 54% of the points available in the Equity &amp; Accessibility Category. Below is the breakdown of points that San Jose earned in each subcategory of the Equity &amp; Accessibility section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Fall 2022 BFC application.</i>	
	Equity & Accessibility Subcategories	San Jose's Subcategory Points in Equity & Accessibility
	Equity & Accessibility Staffing, Committees, & Partnerships	23 / 38 pts
	Equity Data Collection & Goals	18 / 20 pts
	Equity & Accessibility Policies & Plans	20 / 38 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Engineering	16 / 35 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Education	13 / 35 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Encouragement	18 / 35 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Evaluation & Planning	18 / 35 pts
Equity & Accessibility Bonus Points	11 / 15 pts	



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### FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE:

#### To maintain and improve on San Jose's Silver-level Bicycle Friendly Community award, BFC Reviewers recommend...

- » Continue to expand and improve San Jose's low-stress on-road bike network across the entire community, and ensure that you follow a bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume. Improve the City's inventory of the existing bicycle network data so that planners have a clear understanding of the current speed and volume of all roads with bike facilities, to assess whether those facilities are in need of upgrades such as upgrading from painted to protected bike lanes.
- » Lower speed limits on more local roads and residential streets to 20 mph or less. On all roads with speed limits under 30 mph, introduce traffic calming measures to ensure compliance.
- » Continue utilizing policy and planning tools to promote shorter trip distances between housing and destinations, such as mixed use zoning, street connectivity policies for developments, Form-based Codes, or other land use regulations that allow compact development that support people biking and walking.
- » Improve bicycle safety education for students of all ages by incorporating on-bicycle education opportunities and by expanding the program to all K-12 schools. Providing bicycles in schools for on-bike education, including adaptive cycles for children with disabilities, ensures that all students can learn to safely ride a bicycle regardless of the availability of a bicycle in their household. Work with the school district, local bicycle groups, and interested parents to expand and improve the Safe Routes to School program.
- » Continue efforts to improve data-driven road safety operations to reduce crashes and fatalities. San Jose's Vision Zero Task Force and Action Plan, and in particular your analysis and work around Priority Safety Corridors (PSCs), are important tools to address the city's high crash and fatality numbers. Continue to invest in these programs and to utilize on the Safe System Approach to identify specific strategies to reduce traffic crashes and deaths for all road users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. Introducing low stress bikeway facilities and lowering vehicle speeds through traffic calming treatments are important engineering components for addressing roadway safety.
- » Ensure that your community tracks and utilizes traffic enforcement and citation data, including demographic data of all individuals stopped, to improve transparency and accountability. In addition to identifying and eliminating racial bias in traffic enforcement, traffic citation data should be shared regularly with the city's transportation staff and used to identify potential engineering, education, and policy solutions that could resolve frequently-occurring problems.



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### FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE, CONTINUED:

- » Encourage San Jose State University to use the League's feedback from their 2017 Honorable Mention Bicycle Friendly University (BFU) application, and/or to reapply to the BFU program in 2023 to help identify new ways the campus and administrators can support bicycling safety and promotion to students, staff, faculty, neighboring residents, and visitors.
- » Continue to further integrate the city's Office of Racial Equity and Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee with bicycling and planning activities to result in more equitable and inclusive bicycle planning, outreach, engagement, and programming efforts.
- » Work with other communities across California to advocate for the legalization of automated traffic enforcement in your state. If an automated traffic enforcement program is implemented in San Jose in the future, take precautions to ensure the system is implemented with socio-economic and racial equity at the forefront, and offer educational diversion programs in lieu of fee-based citations.

### 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](https://bikeleague.org/BFC_Resources)
- » **About the BFC Application Process:** <https://bikeleague.org/content/about-bfc-application-process>
- » **The Five E's:** <https://bikeleague.org/5-es>
- » **The League's Benchmarking Project on Biking and Walking Data and Reports:** <https://data.bikeleague.org>
- » **Bicycle Friendly State Rankings and Report Cards:** <https://bikeleague.org/state>
- » **Bicycle Friendly Business Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/business>
- » **Bicycle Friendly University Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/university>
- » **Smart Cycling Education Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/ridesmart>
- » **Advocacy Reports and Resources from the League:** <http://bikeleague.org/reports>
- » **Federal Funding Resources from the League:** <https://bikeleague.org/content/federal-funding-resources>
- » **Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities from U.S. DOT Transit, Safety, and Highway Funds:** [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle\\_pedestrian/funding/funding\\_opportunities.pdf](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/funding/funding_opportunities.pdf)