Continue to expand and improve Arlington’s low-stress on-road bike network for all ages and abilities. Identify gaps and add new facilities that complete and expand the bicycle network, and work to upgrade existing bike lanes into protected bike lanes by adding physical barriers that improve safety and accessibility for all ages and abilities. Consider an ordinance like Cambridge’s Cycling Safety Ordinance which requires context-appropriate bike facilities such as protected bike lanes on higher volume/speed streets such as Mass Ave.

Take advantage of Arlington’s high number of lower-speed streets by developing a network of bike boulevards/neighborhood greenways to encourage and optimize bicycle travel on low-stress corridors. Diverters, wayfinding, chicanes, and other treatments can be effective at reducing vehicle speeds and promoting the bicycle-oriented nature of a bike boulevard. Consider reducing the town default speed limit to 20mph on local roads.

Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the community, particularly at transit stops. Continue making investments to improve bicycle access to transit hubs and to support more multi-modal travel.

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.

» Expand bicycle education opportunities for adults by offering more educational opportunities per year. Host a League Cycling Instructor (LCI) seminar to increase the number of local LCIs in your community, allowing you to expand cycling education for youth and adults, deliver Bicycle Friendly Driver education to motorists, and have more experts available to assist in encouragement programs. Visit bikeleague.org/ridesmart for more information.

» Encourage more local businesses, agencies, and organizations to promote cycling to their employees and customers throughout the year through the Bicycle Friendly Business program.

» Your application indicated that your community is currently finalizing Connect Arlington, Sustainable Transportation Plan. This is a great step to improving conditions for bicycling and institutionalizing processes for continual improvement. Your new Plan should take advantage of best practices that are applicable to a community of your size, including the use of protected bike lanes, bicycle boulevards and advisory bike lanes, targeted education programming, and demonstration projects to help the community understand possible bicycle facilities. Ensure that the new Plan includes specific and measurable goals, a strong implementation plan, and dedicated funding or an annual budget to ensure its success.

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