Congratulations to the City of Napa for recently adopting your 2019 Bicycle Plan! Formally adopting a bike plan is a critical step to institutionalizing processes and plans for continual improvement. Ensure the newly adopted plan is accompanied by specific and measurable goals and performance measures to track progress, and a dedicated budget for implementation.

» Continue to expand and improve the 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. Ensuring that the bicycle network provides a low Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) can be critical to encouraging new or less confident bicyclists to choose to ride for more of their trips.

» Improve your community’s bike facility maintenance practices to ensure that all on- and off-street bicycle lanes and paths remain safe and usable at all times. Develop an established budget and regular maintenance schedule for facility repair and maintenance needs including repainting all on- and off-street lanes and markings at least annually, and to be able to respond to service requests more promptly. Frequent sweeping, vegetation maintenance, and surface repairs are critical to maintaining usability and safety of all bicycle facilities.

» Increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the community. Conduct a bike parking study or audit to determine current conditions of bike parking, both in terms of quantity and quality. Adopt robust community-wide...
Bicycle Parking Standards for all development types to ensure that APBP-compliant bicycle parking is available in areas near transit, retail, tourism destinations, and other key destinations throughout the community. (See www.apbp.org/bicycle-parking-solutions)

» Ensure consistent, expanded bicycle safety 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 Napa Valley Unified School District, local bicycle groups, and interested parents to establish a permanent Safe Routes to School program for all K-12 schools.

» Work with local League Cycling Instructors (LCIs) to provide Bicycle Friendly Driver training to motorists in Napa, particularly to professional drivers and fleet operators.

» Support local bicycle advocacy organizations to develop and provide comprehensive, inclusive education and encouragement outreach programs that specifically target families, women, seniors, low-income, and non-English speaking communities, in addition to general non-targeted outreach and media campaigns that discuss current and new bicycle facilities, safe driver and bicyclist behavior, and events related to walking and biking.

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

» Ensure that bicycle facilities remain safe and accessible at all times by requiring that roadway construction and development projects plan for bicycle users at every phase. Existing bike facilities should be retained throughout construction, and when roadway work requires restriping of facilities, work should be completed as quickly as possible.

» The adopted bicycle plan establishes minimum facility requirements for the citywide bicycle network. Local residents, bicycle advocacy organizations, and Bicycle Advisory Committee members have unique insights into neighborhood-level opportunities and challenges, and should be included in the earliest possible stages of planning, design, and engineering of roadway projects.

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