» Continue to expand and improve Springfield’s low-stress on- and off-street bike network and ensure that your community maximizes safety and comfort for bicyclists of all ages and abilities by following a bicycle facility selection criteria and design guidelines that increase separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume. Identify gaps and add new facilities that complete and expand the bicycle network, and work to upgrade existing facilities, such as by converting bike lanes into protected bike lanes and roads with sharrows into dedicated bicycle boulevards.

» Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the community. Ensure that APBP-compliant bicycle parking is available in areas near popular destinations and urban activity centers.

» 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 the school district, local bicycle groups, and interested parents to create Safe Routes to School programming for all K-12 schools.

» Increase the number of local League Cycling Instructors (LCIs) in your community, either by hosting an LCI seminar or sponsoring a City staffer or local bike advocate to attend an existing seminar elsewhere. Having several 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.
bikleague.org/ridesmart for more information.

» 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. Observational counts and surveys can supplement automated data in order to collect demographic information and examine social equity goals.

MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

» League of American Bicyclists: https://www.bikleague.org
» Resources for Building a Bicycle Friendly Community: https://bikleague.org/BFC_Resources
» Building Blocks of a Bicycle Friendly Community: https://bikleague.org/content/building-blocks-bicycle-friendly-communities
» The Five E’s: https://bikleague.org/5-es
» Smart Cycling Program: https://bikleague.org/ridesmart
» Advocacy Reports and Resources: https://bikleague.org/reports
» Bicycle Friendly Business Program: https://bikleague.org/business
» National Bike Month: https://bikleague.org/bikemonth