



TOPEKA, KS

TOTAL POPULATION

127,473

POPULATION DENSITY

2043

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

62.4

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES **0**

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES **0**

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Silver	Topeka
Arterial and Major Collector Streets with Bike Lanes	45%	35%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	30%	16%
Public Education Outreach	GOOD	VERY GOOD
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	7%	2.5%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	GOOD	VERY GOOD
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	ACTIVE	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	ACTIVE	MONTHLY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	SOME	GOOD
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 70K	1 PER 21,246

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	4 / 10
EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	3 / 10
ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	4 / 10
ENFORCEMENT <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i>	5 / 10
EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	2 / 10

KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Silver	Topeka
RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	3.5%	0.4%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	180	916
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	1.4	9.3



» Congratulations on launching Topeka Metro Bikes! Your application shows a tremendous amount of improvement within your community and potential to further improve conditions for people who bike in Topeka!

» Continue to implement the Topeka Bikeways master plan. Ensure that plan implementation leads to low-stress networks that are suitable for people of all ages and abilities.

» Convene businesses and other community stakeholders to create partnerships that encourage bicycling for recreation and transportation. Encourage local businesses to apply for Bicycle Friendly Business awards.

» Expand bicycle education efforts. Bicycle-safety education

should be a routine part of education, for students of all ages, and schools and the surrounding neighborhoods should be particularly safe and convenient for biking and walking.

» Provide a variety of targeted bicycle events to engage women, seniors, families, and other demographic groups that may benefit from non-traditional or group-specific bicycle events. Targeted events may help to encourage groups that have specific concerns about bicycling or which have not previously been engaged in supporting bicycling improvements.

» Create a public campaign to normalize bicycling for recreation and transportation. Stress the safety of bicycling, the diversity of people who bike, and the many reasons that people bike.