



TOPEKA, KS

TOTAL POPULATION
125,092

POPULATION DENSITY
2036

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)
63

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES **2**

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES **0**

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Silver	Topeka
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	35%	9%
Total on- and off-road Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	48%	17%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	11%	20%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS EVERY TWO MONTHS	MEETS AT LEAST MONTHLY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	GOOD	AVERAGE
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 78K	1 PER 21K

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	3.52 /10
EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	4.03 /10
ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	7.04 /10
EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	4.90 /10

KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Silver	Topeka
RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	2.7%	0.36%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	537	1,933
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	6.3	28.7



KEY STEPS TO SILVER



- » Congratulations on adopting the updated Topeka Bikeways Master Plan! This plan and the dedicated funding the city has committed to its implementation show great promise and a blueprint for improvements for a more connected network of safe and comfortable bicycle facilities.
- » 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.
- » Ensure that your Complete Streets policy is followed for all projects, and that compliance is tracked. If necessary, revisit your Complete Streets policy and process to ensure better compliance.
- » Consider lowering posted speed limits, particularly on neighborhood greenways and residential streets, to under 25 MPH. Introduce road diets and traffic calming measures to ensure compliance.
- » Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the community, and to upgrade the quality of existing bike parking to meet APBP standards.

- » Continue efforts to re-launch a new public bike share system to replace the Topeka Metro Bikeshare system that recently ceased operations. Bike sharing is a convenient, cost effective, and healthy way of encouraging locals and visitors to make short trips by bike, make bicycling more accessible to all, and to bridge the 'last mile' between public transit and destinations.
- » 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, including middle and high schools. This is particularly important as older students learn to drive and share the road.
- » Continue to partner with and support the great work of the Topeka Community Cycle Project to make bicycling more accessible to everyone in Topeka.