



TACOMA, WA

TOTAL POPULATION

203,446

POPULATION DENSITY

3,924

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

50.1

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

0

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES

0

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Silver	Tacoma
Arterial Streets with Bike Lanes	45%	12
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	30%	9
Public Education Outreach	GOOD	GOOD
% of Schools Offering Bicycling Education	43%	10
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	GOOD	GOOD
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	YES	VERY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	SOME	EXCELLENT
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	PER 70K	90,420

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	5/10
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>	3/10
EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	4/10

KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Silver	Tacoma
RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of daily bicyclists</i>	3.5%	0.61
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k daily bicyclists</i>	180	192
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k daily bicyclists</i>	1.4	1.6



KEY STEPS TO SILVER



- » Bicycle-safety education should be a routine part of primary and secondary education. Work with your local bicycle groups or interested parents to expand the Safe Routes to School program to all schools.
- » Ensure that police officers are initially and repeatedly educated on traffic law as it applies to bicyclists and motorists. Ask police officers to target both motorist and cyclist infractions to ensure that laws are being followed by all road users.
- » Ensure that bicycle/motor vehicle crashes are investigated thoroughly and that citations are given fairly.
- » Continue to expand the bike network, especially along arterials. On roads where automobile speeds exceed 35 mph, it is recommended to provide protected bicycle infrastructure.

- » Continue to work towards establishing a dedicated funding source for bicycle facilities and programs.
- » Offer a greater variety of bicycling skills training opportunities for adults. There are options from short videos and 1-2 hour courses to more in-depth training incorporating in-classroom and on-bike instruction.
- » Host a League Cycling Instructor (LCI) seminar or sponsor the certification tuition of interested cyclists to increase the number of certified LCIs in your community.