

All League of American Bicyclists awarded Bicycle Friendly Communities as of 9/22/2006

Platinum (1)

Davis, CA 10/05

Gold (7)

Boulder, CO 4/04, 5/05

Corvallis, OR 5/03, 5/05

Madison, WI 5/06

Palo Alto, CA 5/03, 5/05

Portland, OR 10/03, 10/05

San Francisco, CA 5/06

Tucson/Pima Eastern Region, AZ 5/06

Silver (14)

Bellingham, WA 5/06

Chicago, IL 5/05

Eugene, OR 10/04, 9/06

Folsom, CA 10/03, 10/05

Fort Collins, CO 5/03, 5/05

Gainesville, FL 4/04, 5/06

Jackson, WY 9/06

Missoula, MT 5/03

Olympia, WA 4/04

Santa Barbara, CA 5/03, 5/05

Scottsdale, AZ 5/05

Stanford University, CA 5/03

Tempe, AZ 5/03, 10/05

Tucson, AZ 4/04

Bronze (44)

Ada County, ID 10/04

Albuquerque, NM 10/05

Ann Arbor, MI 5/05

Arlington, VA 10/03, 10/05

Ashland, OR 4/04, 5/06

Auburn, AL 4/04

Beaverton, OR 5/03, 5/05

Bend, OR 5/05

Bloomington, IN 10/03, 10/05

Boca Raton, FL 10/03, 10/05

Brentwood, CA 10/03, 5/06

Brunswick, ME 10/03, 10/05

Burlington, VT 5/05

Carmel, IN 9/06

(HM 10/03, 10/04, 10/05)

Carrboro, NC 4/04, 5/06

Cary, NC 5/03, 5/05

Chandler, AZ 10/04, 9/06

Chattanooga, TN 10/03, 10/05

Chico, CA 10/04

College Station, TX 10/03

Denver, Colorado 5/05 (silver 5/03)

Flagstaff, AZ 5/06

Gilbert, AZ 10/03, 10/05

Lawrence, KS 10/04, 9/06

Longmont, CO 4/04, 5/06

Louisville, KY 9/06 (HM 10/04)

Mesa, AZ 10/03, 10/05

Miami Beach, FL 10/03

Milwaukee, WI 5/06

Mountain View, CA 4/04, 5/06

Orlando, FL 10/04, 9/06 (HM 5/03)

Presidio of San Francisco, CA 5/03, 5/06

Redmond, WA 5/03, 5/05

Roswell, GA 9/06 (HM 5/05)

Sacramento, CA 9/06

St. Petersburg, FL 9/06

San Jose, CA 9/06

Schaumburg, IL 5/03, 5/05

Shawnee, KS 5/03, 5/05

South Lake Tahoe, CA 9/06

South Sioux City, NE 5/06

Sunnyvale, CA 5/06

Vancouver, WA 10/05

Washington, DC 10/03, 10/05

Honorable mentions (24)

(recognizing that important steps have been taken to become bicycle-friendly, but much more remains to be done)

Auburn, AL 5/03

Baton Rouge, LA 10/03

Blacksburg, VA 5/03

Charlotte, NC 5/05

Grand Forks, ND 5/05

Hennepin County, MN 5/03

Indianapolis, IN 10/03

Knoxville, TN 10/05

Las Cruces, NM 5/05

Lawrence, KS 5/03

Lincoln, NE 10/03

Milpitas, CA 4/04

New York City, NY 10/04

Newark, DE 5/03

Oakdale, MN 5/03, 10/04

Philadelphia, PA 5/06

Pittsburg, CA 5/03

Portage, Mich. 5/06 (bronze 4/04)

Port Townsend, WA 5/05

Rochester, MN 5/06

Rockville, Md. 5/03, 5/06 (bronze 4/04)

Salinas, CA 5/03

Springfield, MO 5/05

Tumwater, WA 5/05

The BFC program was initiated in 2003 and has received applications from more than 150 communities. Designations have been awarded to 63 cities and counties [as of 09/22/06 - AR]. Applicants complete a detailed on-line form with numerous questions in five key areas: engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation/planning. Local cyclists, national experts, and League staff review the applications.

League staff and reviewers consider several factors before granting a community BFC status, including:

- The physical environment for bicycling -- on-street facilities, trails, parking etc.
- Education programs to promote a "share the road" ethic among bicyclists and drivers
- Promotional initiatives to persuade people to ride or ride more often
- Enforcement of traffic laws for both motorists and bicyclists
- Future plans and evaluation techniques to improve conditions further

The information below is from the League of American Bicyclists news releases announcing Bicycle Friendly Cities awards.

September 22, 2006

Twelve cities across the United States can celebrate the start of fall with the news that the League of American Bicyclists has awarded them the coveted designation of Bicycle Friendly Community.

Notable features of this round of applications include:

Jackson, Wyo. has a fantastic master plan that outlines non-motorized modes-shift goals, the total number of paths and a complete streets guide for the entire county.

Carmel, Ind. took the League's advice to heart during its first application. In the past two years it has made significant improvements, including raising \$3.4 million for bicycling projects through a bond issue.

Louisville, Ky. has a bicycle master plan that is the envy of many cities, and has begun implementing it with pride. To see their aggressive plan for success, visit their Web site here:

<http://www.louisvilleky.gov/BikeLouisville/bikefriendly.htm>

Roswell, Ga. spent almost \$1.5 million on trails and paths for bicyclists and pedestrians during fiscal year 2006.

St. Petersburg, Fla. acquisitioned 2.1 miles of abandoned rail corridor to connect the popular Pinellas trail with downtown St. Petersburg. This acquisition was the result of a two-year effort.

Sacramento, Calif. constructed many new bike trails and lanes in newly developing areas of the city.

San Jose, Calif. invested \$1.4 million in the River Oaks Bicyclist & Pedestrian Bridge in North San Jose, and the project was completed and opened in May 2006.

South Lake Tahoe, Calif. has a solid infrastructure of existing trails, and the funding to maintain them through public bonds. The city also has an active community bicycle advisory committee.

May 2006

Fifteen cities earned or renewed the designation in April 2006, and four communities earned an Honorable Mention.

Despite brutal winters, **Madison, Wis.** is setting the gold standard, with exceptional signage for bicyclists and a cutting-edge share the road program.

San Francisco, Calif. , despite its famous hills, has a large and active bicycling population, and the city has an intricate network of signage, lanes, and public transportation to support and encourage bicycling.

The **Tucson/Pima Eastern Region, Ariz** area has been working very hard to move up from silver to gold, with some impressive achievements in engineering.

Bellingham, Wash. impressed League reviewers with its trail projects and education program.

Longmont, Colo.'s renewal was very strong, because the city completed three major projects in the past year: two underpasses at arterial roadways and one bridge over a river.

Flagstaff, Ariz. offers great bicycling encouragement, and has an aggressive bike plan they are working hard to implement.

Milwaukee, Wis. is creating a great bicycling community in a place where it isn't necessarily expected—recently the city suspended a bike-pedestrian bridge from an existing bridge.

In **Sunnyvale, Calif.** , traffic signal bicycle loop detection has been installed comprehensively.

South Sioux City, Neb. is a small community that is entirely accessible to bicycles, due to share the road signs and low traffic volume.

October 2005 First Platinum-level Bicycle Friendly Community Recognized

The League of American Bicyclists is recognizing Davis, Calif., as a Bicycle Friendly Community at the platinum level, the first time the top designation has been awarded to any community in the United States. Two communities are recognized at the bronze level (Albuquerque, N.M. and Vancouver, Wash.), bringing the total number of communities in the program to 52.

“We're delighted to recognize Davis as an outstanding city for bicycling,” said Andy Clarke, executive director of the League of American Bicyclists. “For forty years, Davis has had one of the highest levels of bicycle use in the country – currently 17 percent of journeys to work are made by bike. This comes as a direct result of policies and choices they have made over the years. Bike lanes and trails permeate the community and enable people of all ages to ride to school, to work, and for recreation and errands. The city and university also have exemplary education, encouragement and enforcement programs.”

“We're ecstatic to receive the award, particularly at this level,” said Tim Bustos, bicycle/pedestrian coordinator for the City of Davis. “We see the platinum award as a great recognition of our efforts and also as encouragement to continue pursuing whatever means necessary to maintain and improve our level of accommodation.”

The rapidly-growing university town of Davis has a population of 64,300. More than 100 miles of streets with bike lanes, trails, and other bicycle routes combine with quiet streets and thousands of bicycle parking spaces to make a great environment for bicycling. There are more than 25 grade-separated intersections keeping bicycle and motor vehicle traffic movements apart. The city recently hosted an International Cycle History Conference and appointed a Bicycle Advisory Committee for the first time in many years.

“Davis can now look to emulate great international cycling cities such as Copenhagen and Amsterdam,” said Clarke. “The city cannot rest on its laurels. Davis also has a responsibility to help other communities – such as Portland, Ore. and Boulder, Colo. who are close to achieving platinum status – learn from their work.”

Twelve communities renewed their Bicycle Friendly Community status by updating their applications and demonstrating continued progress in making their communities better places to bike. The renewing communities are: Arlington, Va.; Bloomington, Ind.; Boca Raton, Fla.; Brunswick, Maine; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Folsom, Calif.; Gilbert, Ariz.; Mesa, Ariz.; Portland, Ore.; Tempe, Ariz.; Washington, D.C.; and Auburn, Ala.

May 16, 2005

Sixteen cities across the United States can celebrate the start of national Bike to Work Week today with the news that the League of American Bicyclists has awarded them the coveted designation of “Bicycle Friendly Community”

“We are delighted to welcome *Chicago and Scottsdale* to the “silver” level,” said Clarke. “Chicago is the biggest city by far to get a designation, and it takes a lot to make a difference in a city of almost three million people. From the Mayor on down, the City is committed to making bicycling a viable travel option for short trips, and they have a remarkable ally in the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation.”

Scottsdale has nationally recognized projects such as the Indian Bend Wash trail running through the heart of the community, and a growing network of streets that are bicycle-friendly. Scottsdale is clearly a bicycling destination for riders from the entire Phoenix metro area.

Other notable features of this round of applications include:

Boulder, Colo., and Santa Barbara, Calif. came very close to moving up a level – to Platinum and Gold respectively – with this year's applications. The race is still on to be the first platinum level community in the nation.

Denver, Colo. is the first community to be downgraded, from Silver to Bronze. Commitment to implementing bicycling policies and programs has waned, according to reviewers.

Honorable Mentions . Several communities fell short of an award, but nonetheless deserve recognition for taking tremendous strides in one or more of the areas addressed in the application. Roswell, Ga., for example, is rapidly becoming a beacon for bicycle-friendliness in the otherwise challenging Atlanta metro area. Charlotte, NC is a major US city that has been built almost exclusively during the automobile era, and yet is making great strides

towards retrofitting bicycling back into its community infrastructure. Other communities receiving an honorable mention were Grand Forks, ND; Las Cruces, NM; Port Townsend, Wash.; Springfield, Mo.; Tumwater, Wash.

October 4, 2004

The League of American Bicyclists is pleased to announce it has recognized six American communities with its prestigious Bicycle Friendly Community designation; the League has now honored a total of 44 communities across the nation with the award. Eugene, Oregon—which was granted the League's silver-level Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) award—leads the new group. The other new BFC winners—all at the bronze level—include: Ada County, Idaho; Chandler, Arizona; Chico, California; Lawrence, Kansas; and Orlando, Florida. The League gave honorable mention designations to Carmel, Indiana; New York, New York; and Oakdale, Minnesota.

Eugene is the fifth city in Oregon to win the League's BFC award, joining gold-level honorees Portland and Corvallis and bronze-level designees Ashland and Beaverton. The League has yet to bestow its highest-level platinum award to any communities. Eugene, because of the city's long-term commitment to bicycling, is an excellent example of a BFC. Evidence of Eugene's commitment includes a 5.5% bicycle mode share, innovative facilities, top-notch education programs for youth, and effective encouragement programs. Eugene has incorporated bicycling into city policies to ensure future development will accommodate and enhance bicycling. Eugene boasts a combination of on and off-road bicycle facilities – most of the paths are lighted much like city streets.

Eugene's Bike Month celebration has evolved from a one-day event to a summer long program where participants commit to getting to work on foot or bike at least one day a week. Another program challenging people to bike to work is the Business Commute Challenge where businesses compete in an effort to get more people biking to work .

April 29, 2004

The League of American Bicyclists kicks off National Bike Month TM by awarding 11 communities its prestigious Bicycle Friendly Community designation.

Among the communities receiving the League's Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) designation, the standouts are Boulder, Colo.—which was granted the League's gold-level BFC award—and silver-level award winners Gainesville, Florida; Olympia, Washington; and Tucson, Arizona. The League has yet to bestow its highest-level platinum award to any communities.

Bronze level awards were awarded to Ashland, Oregon; Auburn, Alabama; Carrboro, North Carolina; Longmont, Colorado; Mountain View, California; Portage, Michigan; and Rockville, Maryland. An Honorary Mention was given to Milpitas, California.

In Boulder, an extraordinary ten percent of all resident trips are made by bicycle, as are 16 percent of all commuting trips. Nearly seven percent of residents view bike commuting as their primary mode of travel to work, according to the Census. Boulder recognizes and supports its bicyclists by investing \$4.5 million (19 percent) of its approved 2003 transportation budget on bicycle mode operations/maintenance and enhancement initiatives. Thanks to many years of political and financial support, 78% of Boulder's arterial streets are equipped with bike lanes and multi-use paths receive formal inspections twice a week.

In terms of educational and promotional efforts, the "Courtesy is Contagious" public outreach campaign, launched by GO Boulder/City of Boulder in June 2002, has been a tremendous success. The campaign employs print media and a team of ambassadors to exchange ideas and information with the community. The program's goals are to reduce the number of bike and pedestrian-related injuries, and to create more active and livable neighborhoods in Boulder by increasing bicycle and pedestrian trips.

October 10, 2003

The League of American Bicyclists today honors thirteen communities with its prestigious Bicycle Friendly Community designation. . . .

Gold-level award recipient Portland, OR is notable for extensive provision of bike parking, trails and bike lanes throughout the city. It boasts the nation's second largest community bike ride and has a "Create a Commuter" program where participants interested in commuting by bike receive a free bike, light, locks, fenders, toolkits, pump, raingear, and a bike rack along with a 5 hour safety class. Evidence that Portland's efforts are effective is borne out by the 130% increase in bicycle trips over the last ten years.

In Folsom, California, a silver level community, 95% of arterial streets have bikes lanes or paved shoulders, their bike to work day event is well attended and creates competition among employers to be designated the most bicycle friendly employer for the year. Children in Folsom sign a bicycle contract stating they understand and will follow all safety rules and municipal laws related to bicycling. Law enforcement officers help to reinforce this safety effort by paying special attention to bicyclists' behavior at the start of the school year.

A number of communities received honorable mentions, recognizing that important steps have been taken to become bicycle-friendly, but much more remains to be done. Four communities receiving this recognition are Carmel, IN; Indianapolis, IN; Baton Rouge, LA; and Lincoln, NE. Reviewers noted that in both Indiana communities the popular Monon Trail is proving to be a remarkable catalyst – but that a single trail or trail system does not make an entire community bicycle-friendly.

May 15, 2003

The League of American Bicyclists has designated the first recipients of its Bicycle-Friendly Community awards. Fourteen communities around the United States have been recognized for providing safe accommodation and facilities for bicyclists and encouraging residents to bike for transportation and recreation. Through policy and design, these communities have focused on increasing opportunities for physical activity and are models in America's efforts to reduce obesity.

Gold-level award winners are: Corvallis, OR and Palo Alto, CA. Silver awards go to Denver and Fort Collins, CO; Missoula, MT; Santa Barbara and Stanford University, CA; and Tempe, AZ. The recipients of the bronze-level Bicycle-Friendly Community national awards are: Cary, NC; the Presidio of San Francisco, CA; Redmond, WA; Schaumburg, IL; Shawnee, KS; and Beaverton, OR. No communities were granted the platinum-level designation, the highest honor of the League's awards.

Gold-level award recipient Corvallis, OR is notable for the fact that 7.5% of trips to work are made by bike, one of the highest rates in the nation. The city provides extensive covered bike parking, a boon to cyclists in its rainy climate. Over 95% of the arterial and collector streets in Corvallis have striped bike lanes, with the rest of the arterials scheduled for completion in 2003.

In Palo Alto, remarkable 4.4% of all trips are by bicycle. Palo Alto encourages city employees to bike to work by offering them a \$20 monthly stipend. The city supports a Bikestation, a staffed bike parking facility that serves some 50 cyclists per day, and provides bike lockers at transit hubs and in its business district. Palo Alto schools have a part-time coordinator who teaches a bicycle curriculum to children in the third, fifth and sixth grades. Younger children are introduced to traffic and helmet safety in a Safe Moves program.

A number of communities received honorable mention distinctions under the Bicycle-Friendly Community awards program. These are: Auburn, AL; Blacksburg, VA; Hennepin County, MN; Lawrence, KS; Orlando, FL; Rockville, MD; Newark, DE; Pittsburg, CA; Oakdale, MN; and Salinas, CA.