



# MANHATTAN, KS

TOTAL POPULATION  
**54,959**

POPULATION DENSITY  
**2924.91**

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)  
**19**

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES **0**

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES **1**

## 10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Silver	Manhattan
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	35%	32%
Total on- and off-road Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	48%	27%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	ACCEPTABLE
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	11%	13%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	GOOD	GOOD
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS EVERY TWO MONTHS	MEETS AT LEAST MONTHLY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	GOOD	ACCEPTABLE
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 78K	1 PER 55K

## CATEGORY SCORES

<b>ENGINEERING</b> <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	<b>2.8</b> /10
<b>EDUCATION</b> <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	<b>2.4</b> /10
<b>ENCOURAGEMENT</b> <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	<b>3.2</b> /10
<b>ENFORCEMENT &amp; SAFETY</b> <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i>	<b>3.2</b> /10
<b>EVALUATION &amp; PLANNING</b> <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	<b>4.8</b> /10

## KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Silver	Manhattan
<b>RIDERSHIP</b> <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>2.08%</b>
<b>SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES</b> <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	<b>537</b>	<b>235</b>
<b>SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES</b> <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>0</b>



## KEY STEPS TO SILVER



» Congratulations on adopting the 2019 Bicycle & Pedestrian Mobility Manual and 2020 Bicycle & Pedestrian Systems Plan. These documents provide a blueprint for improvements and have many great recommendations for a more connected network of safe and comfortable bicycle facilities. Establish a dedicated annual budget or ongoing funding to support timely implementation of the new Plan.

» To compliment the new Plan and Manual, adopt an official Complete Streets policy or ordinance directing transportation planners and engineers to routinely design and operate the entire right-of-way to enable safe access for all users. It is important to ensure that there is a strong implementation and compliance process for any new policy going forward.

» 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. Adopt a bike parking ordinance for new and existing buildings that specifies the amount and location of secure, convenient bike parking available. Develop community-wide Bicycle Parking Standards that adhere to current APBP guidelines. (See [www.apbp.org/bicycle-parking-solutions](http://www.apbp.org/bicycle-parking-solutions))

» Work with local bicycle groups and interested parents to expand and improve the Safe Routes to School program to all K-12 schools. In particular, middle and high school education efforts could be improved — this is particularly important as older students learn to drive and share the road.

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## KEY STEPS TO SILVER CONTINUED

- » Expand bicycle education opportunities for adults. Consider ways to target demographics who currently do not feel safe riding with classes or events that address their concerns and create an inclusive, welcoming environment.
- » 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. Visit [bikeleague.org/ridesmart](https://bikeleague.org/ridesmart) for more information.
- » Create an incentive program for businesses to provide standard bike parking, and to develop workplace bicycling programs for their employees. Use the framework of the Bicycle Friendly Business program to engage with more local businesses, agencies, and organizations to promote cycling to their employees and customers.
- » Adopt a comprehensive road safety plan or a Vision Zero policy to identify specific strategies to reduce traffic crashes and deaths for all road users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. Road diets, lane diets, and traffic calming treatments are important engineering components for addressing safety.
- » Adopt a target level of bicycle use (percent of trips) to be achieved within a specific timeframe, and ensure data collection necessary to monitor progress. Continue to develop a bicycle count program that utilizes several methods of data collection to create an understanding of current bicyclists and the effects of new facilities on bicycling in Manhattan. Automated bicycle counters provide long-term data on bicycle use at fixed points in a community and mobile counters can provide periodic or before/after data related to a change 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.

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### MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

- » League of American Bicyclists: <https://www.bikeleague.org>
- » Guide to the BFC Report Card: [https://bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/Guide\\_to\\_the\\_Bicycle\\_Friendly\\_Community\\_Report\\_Card.pdf](https://bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/Guide_to_the_Bicycle_Friendly_Community_Report_Card.pdf)
- » Resources for Building a Bicycle Friendly Community: [https://bikeleague.org/BFC\\_Resources](https://bikeleague.org/BFC_Resources)
- » Building Blocks of a Bicycle Friendly Community: <https://bikeleague.org/content/building-blocks-bicycle-friendly-communities>
- » The Five E's + Equity: <https://bikeleague.org/content/5-es>
- » Community FAQs & Resources: <https://bikeleague.org/content/community-faq-resources>
- » Smart Cycling Program: <https://bikeleague.org/ridesmart>
- » Advocacy Reports and Resources: <https://bikeleague.org/reports>
- » Bicycle Friendly Business Program: <https://bikeleague.org/business>
- » National Bike Month: <https://bikeleague.org/bikemonth>

