

Let's Ride!

4 Requirements for a Bikeable Community

To decide to bicycle, people need biking to be safe and convenient. They need access to a bicycle, and they won't bike unless it seems like something normal and worthwhile. Here are a few of the many policies that can help get people bicycling around town.



Safety

Travel by bicycle is sufficiently safe

POLICIES INCLUDE



BIKE-FRIENDLY TRAFFIC CONTROL & STREET DESIGN Special bike signals, lanes, and other features keep bicyclists safe



COMPLETE STREETS New and renovated streets are required to accommodate everyone, including bikes, cars, and pedestrians



TRAFFIC CALMING Streets include features like median islands, speed bumps, and roundabouts to reduce speed and other hazards



Social Acceptability

Travel by bicycle is seen as socially acceptable and worthwhile

POLICIES INCLUDE



OPEN STREETS Communities designate certain roadways as "car-free" on select days



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS Kids are encouraged to bike and walk to school through education and infrastructure improvements



DRIVERS' ED Bike safety principles and rights are included in traffic school, drivers' manuals, and written license tests



Share-a-Bike PROGRAM



Access

People have access to bicycles

POLICIES INCLUDE



BIKE SHARE Affordable programs make bicycles available to people for short trips around town, especially to and from transit



BIKE FLEETS FOR GOVERNMENT Local government agencies provide employees with bikes for short-distance work travel



Convenience

Travel by bicycle is convenient

POLICIES INCLUDE



BIKE PARKING New housing and commercial developments must have bicycle parking



BICYCLES ON BOARD Bikes can be brought on public transit, and vehicles include storage racks



20 MINUTE NEIGHBORHOOD Plans and zoning codes ensure that everyday destinations (work, school, stores, services) are within convenient biking distance

