



NEWS RELEASE

City Named Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly Community

Achievement Points to Progress in 'Sustainability, Livability'

FREDERICK, MD – May 14, 2019: Today, the League of American Bicyclists recognized The City of Frederick with a Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community award, joining 475 communities across the country in building better places for people to bike.

Today's announcement recognizes Frederick as one of 39 new and renewing Bicycle Friendly Communities that are transforming the transportation landscape, focused on livability measures that are important to our community.

"We applaud communities like Frederick for making bicycling a safe, comfortable, and convenient option for transportation and recreation," said Bill Nesper, executive director of the League of American Bicyclists. "We are inspired by leaders who see bicycling as a way to build more vibrant, healthy, sustainable and connected communities and be a part of the solution to many complex public health and safety challenges faced at both the community and national levels."

The League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly America program sets a standard for how communities evaluate their quality of life, sustainability, and accessibility, while allowing them to benchmark progress toward making biking better.

With this latest round of new and renewing awardees, there are currently 475 Bicycle Friendly Communities in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The bronze level BFC award recognizes Frederick's commitment to improving conditions for bicycling through investments in bike infrastructure, education programs, and promoting and encouraging bicycling through events and pro-bicycling policies.

"I am proud that our commitment and progress on complete streets, education, outreach and support for bicycle accommodations have earned this recognition," said Mayor Michael O'Connor. "For reasons of sustainability, livability and economic impact, making our community more welcoming to people on bikes is the right thing to do."

More than 800 communities have applied for recognition by the Bicycle Friendly Community program, which provides a guide to making biking better for communities of all shapes and

sizes. The rigorous application process is an educational tool in itself, and includes an opportunity for local bicyclists to provide input on their experiences and perceptions of bicycling in their community.

The five levels of the BFC award – diamond, platinum, gold, silver and bronze, plus an honorable mention category – provide a clear incentive for communities to continuously improve. Awarded communities must renew their status every four years to ensure that they not only maintain existing efforts, but also keep up with changing technology, national safety standards, and community driven best practices.

To learn more about the BFC program, visit www.bikeleague.org/community.

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