



Santa Fe, NM



Award: Silver | Fall 2023

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The 5 Es Category Scores	Santa Fe	Max Score this round
Engineering	37.82%	79.3%
Education	27.38%	76.3%
Encouragement	46.22%	87.5%
Evaluation & Planning	40.49%	78.0%
Equity & Accessibility	17.57%	70.5%

Scores are determined by points earned in each 'E' Category, weighted against comparable communities in the Fall 2023 BFC round. See pages 2-3 for your full subcategory points in each Category.

Key Outcomes

Overall Commuter Ridership: 0.7%

Male Commuter Ridership: 1%

Female Commuter Ridership: 0.4%

(Bicycle Mode Share among commuters, according to the Census Bureau's 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate.)

Bicycle Mode Share: Unknown

(Reported by applicant)

Annual Average Bicyclist Crashes in last 5 years: 23

Annual Average Bicyclist Fatalities in last 5 years: 0.6

(Crashes and Fatalities both reported by applicant)

Santa Fe's BFA Program Stats

of Local Bicycle Friendly Businesses: **1**

of Local Bicycle Friendly Universities: **0**

of Local League Cycling Instructors: **2**

New Mexico's Bicycle Friendly State Ranking: **#35**

Community Profile

Population: 87,510

Area: 52.5 square miles

Population Density: 1666.9 people/square mile

Land Classification:

Mixed Urban/Suburban/Rural

Poverty Rate: 12.7%*

Median Household Income: \$60,517*

Percent of the Population that Speaks a

Language Other Than English at Home: 35.5%*

Percent with Disability: 12.6%*

Percent of Households with No Vehicle Available: 4.2%*

*Source: https://data.census.gov/profile/Santa_Fe_city,_New_Mexico?q=160XX00US3570500

Santa Fe's Bike Links

Bike Network Map, if available:

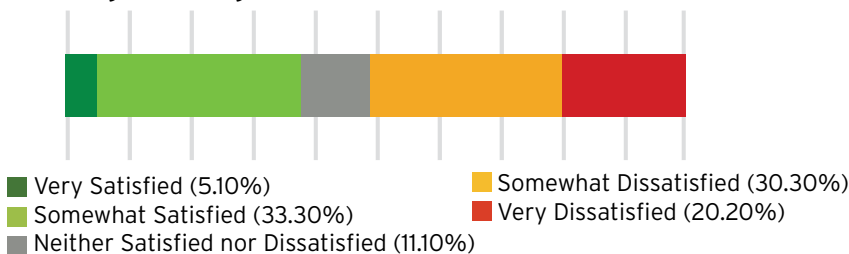
<https://santafempo.org/resources/bikeways-map/>

Bike Plan, if available:

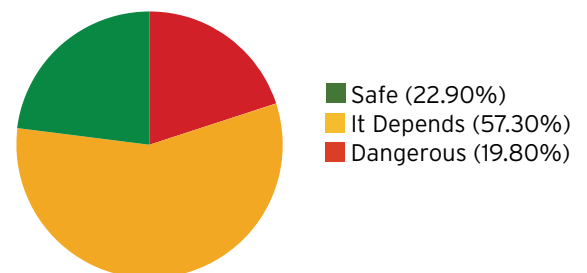
<https://santafempo.org/plans/bicycle-master-plan/>

Fall 2023 BFC Public Survey Response Summary for Santa Fe, NM

How satisfied are you with how this community is designed for making bike riding safe? (n = 99)



Is it safe or dangerous to ride a bicycle in your neighborhood, or does it depend? (n = 96)



What is the number one change you would most like to see the local government make in this community for bicyclists? (n = 99)

1. More bike paths (21.20%)
2. More bike lanes (21.20%)
3. Improve existing bike lanes to protected bike lanes (21.20%)
4. Increase police enforcement of traffic laws for drivers (10.10%)
5. Increase education for drivers (8.10%)

About this Report Card

The following scores are based on the online application submitted by Santa Fe in the Fall 2023 Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) submission round. These scores reflect a combination of automatically-generated points earned through the online application, as well as judge-assigned points and bonus points given by BFC reviewers.

The League updated its Bicycle Friendly Community application and awards criteria in 2022, after nearly a year of research, focus groups, interviews, listening sessions, and other outreach. The updated application includes a new section on Equity and Accessibility, and other changes throughout. As such, **this Bicycle Friendly Community Report card is a beta version** as we refine our new scoring system and develop a greater understanding of how to convey new information.

All Fall 2023 BFC Report Cards (including this one) will be republished with updated scores if there are significant changes to the points system after the next round of BFC applications. To learn more about the BFC application and awards criteria, please visit <https://bikeleague.org/community>.

ENGINEERING	<i>Santa Fe earned a weighted score of 37.82% in the Engineering Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Santa Fe earned in each subcategory within the Engineering section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the Fall 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Engineering Subcategories	Santa Fe's Subcategory Points in Engineering
	Policies and Design Standards for the Built Environment	12.4 / 41 pts
	End-of-Trip Facilities	14.8 / 44 pts
	Bicycle Network	25.6 / 128 pts
	Network Maintenance	20.3 / 32 pts
	Bicycle Access to Public Transportation	9.3 / 23 pts
	Bike Sharing	0 / 24 pts
	Other Bicycle-Related Amenities	2 / 6 pts
	Regional Coordination	2.5 / 23 pts
Engineering Bonus Points	0.8 / 10 pts	

EDUCATION	<i>Santa Fe earned a weighted score of 27.38% in the Education Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Santa Fe earned in each subcategory of the Education section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the Fall 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Education Subcategories	Santa Fe's Subcategory Points in Education
	Youth Bicycle Education	14.8 / 68 pts
	Adult Bicycle Education	17.5 / 47 pts
	Motorist Education	1 / 28 pts
	Bicycle Safety Education Resources	1.4 / 16 pts
	Inclusive Education	0.4 / 26 pts
	Education Bonus Points	0.8 / 7 pts

ENCOURAGEMENT	<i>Santa Fe earned a weighted score of 46.22% in the Encouragement Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Santa Fe earned in each subcategory of the Encouragement section section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the Fall 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Encouragement Subcategories	Santa Fe's Subcategory Points in Encouragement
	Encouragement Policies, Programs and Partnerships	0.7 / 17 pts
	Route-Finding Support	4.5 / 10 pts
	Bicycle Culture and Promotion	37.1 / 91 pts
	Access To Bicycle Equipment and Repair Services	15.2 / 35 pts
	Reducing Work-Related/Fleet VMT	5 / 11 pts
Encouragement Bonus Points	0.8 / 7 pts	

EVALUATION & PLANNING	<i>Santa Fe earned a weighted score of 40.49% in the Evaluation & Planning Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Santa Fe earned in each subcategory of the Evaluation & Planning section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the Fall 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Evaluation & Planning Subcategories	Santa Fe's Subcategory Points in Evaluation & Planning
	Staffing And Committees	9.5 / 35 pts
	Public Engagement for Bicycle Planning	19.8 / 35 pts
	Planning, Funding, And Implementation	9.5 / 46 pts
	Evaluating The Bicycle Network	9 / 25 pts
	Evaluating Ridership	8.3 / 20 pts
Evaluating & Improving Safety Outcomes	4.2 / 42 pts	
Evaluation & Planning Bonus Points	0.8 / 15 pts	

EQUITY & ACCESSIBILITY	<i>Santa Fe earned a weighted score of 17.57% in the Equity & Accessibility Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Santa Fe earned in each subcategory of the Equity & Accessibility section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the Fall 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Equity & Accessibility Subcategories	Santa Fe's Subcategory Points in Equity & Accessibility
	Equity & Accessibility Staffing, Committees, & Partnerships	3.5 / 24 pts
	Equity Data Collection & Goals	0 / 27 pts
	Equity & Accessibility Policies & Plans	0.5 / 21 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Engineering	2 / 44 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Education	0.4 / 52 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Encouragement	14.2 / 42 pts
Equity & Accessibility in Evaluation & Planning	8.8 / 51 pts	
Equity & Accessibility Bonus Points	0.3 / 9 pts	



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FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE:

To maintain and improve on Santa Fe's Silver-level Bicycle Friendly Community award, BFC Reviewers recommend...

- » Continue to expand and improve Santa Fe's low-stress bike network and ensure that your community follows a bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume, to maximize safety and comfort for bicyclists of all ages and abilities. Identify gaps and add new facilities that complete and expand the bicycle network, and work to upgrade existing facilities, such as by converting bike lanes into protected bike lanes, side paths, or wider bike lanes with buffers, as well as upgrading roads with sharrows into dedicated bicycle boulevards with lower designed speeds.
- » Develop a policy and practice for more routine sweeping and maintenance of bike lanes and wide shoulders on roads where dirt, debris and gravel regularly enter the bike lane and/or road.
- » Lower speed limits -- and designed speeds -- on more residential streets to 20 mph or less. Introduce road diets and traffic calming measures to ensure compliance. Develop a system of bicycle boulevards, utilizing these quiet neighborhood streets, that creates an attractive, convenient, and comfortable cycling environment welcoming to cyclists of all ages and skill levels. Use the Bicycle Boulevards section of the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide for design guidelines.
- » Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking available at key destinations throughout the community. Ensure that bike parking is equitably distributed across the community, meeting the needs of all riders, and that bike parking always meets or exceeds APBP bike parking standards and also accommodates cargo bikes, recumbents, adaptive cycles, and other non-standard bicycles.
- » Continue to expand Santa Fe's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program and provide on-bicycle education opportunities to students at all public and private K-12 schools in the City. Providing a fleet of bicycles in schools for on-bike education, including adaptive cycles for children and youth with disabilities, ensures that all students can learn to safely ride a bicycle regardless of the availability of a bicycle in their household.
- » Develop education and encouragement outreach methods and programs that specifically target families, women, low-income, and non-English speaking communities, in addition to general non-targeted outreach around new bicycle facilities, safe driver and bicyclist behavior, and events related to walking and biking. The existing programming through AARP and Santa Fe Seniors on Bikes are a great model to consider what other local partnerships could lead to more intentional and inclusive engagement opportunities with other groups.
- » Encourage more local businesses, agencies, and organizations to promote cycling to their employees and customers and to seek recognition through the Bicycle Friendly Business (BFB) program. City Hall or other municipal buildings could apply to the BFB program as an employer to lead by example among other Santa Fe-area employers.
- » Establish a dedicated annual budget for implementation of your 2019 Bicycle Master Plan, in addition to funding for ongoing bicycle programming and infrastructure development/maintenance.
- » Great job on having your BPAC review design plans at 30%, however by that point in the design process most critical design decisions have already been made. They should also be engaged early on for bikeway projects, at the 0% and 10% design stages.



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FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE, CONTINUED:

- » Adopt a goal to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries and support this goal with 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. Introducing low stress bikeway facilities and lowering vehicle speeds through traffic calming treatments are important engineering components for addressing roadway safety. Consider using a tool like the Safer Streets Priority Finder to analyze crash data and identify High Injury areas of your network: <https://www.saferstreetspriorityfinder.com/>. Look into the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration Grants from the U.S. Department of Transportation for potential funding opportunities to support this work: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>.
- » Collect more socioeconomic and demographic data as it relates to current transportation habits and patterns, and establish equity-related indicators to inform future prioritization and budgeting processes as your community implements the Bicycle Master Plan and develops new policies, plans, and budgets to support bicycling.

MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

- » **Guide to this BFC Report Card:** <https://bit.ly/BFC-Report-Card-Guide-Fa23>
- » **League of American Bicyclists:** <https://www.bikeleague.org>
- » **Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/community>
- » **Resources for Building a Bicycle Friendly Community:** https://bikeleague.org/BFC_Resources
- » **About the BFC Application Process:** <https://bikeleague.org/content/about-bfc-application-process>
- » **The Five E's:** <https://bikeleague.org/5-es>
- » **The BFC Ideabook and Map:** <https://bikeleague.org/BFCIdeaBook>
- » **The League's Benchmarking Project on Biking & Walking Data and Reports:** <https://data.bikeleague.org>
- » **Bicycle Friendly State Rankings and Report Cards:** <https://bikeleague.org/state>
- » **Bicycle Friendly Business (BFB) Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/business>
- » **Bicycle Friendly University (BFU) Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/university>
- » **Smart Cycling Education Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/ridesmart>
- » **National Bike Month Resources:** <https://bikeleague.org/bikemonth>
- » **Advocacy Reports and Resources from the League:** <http://bikeleague.org/reports>
- » **Federal Funding Resources from the League:** <https://bikeleague.org/federal-funding-resources/>
- » **Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities from U.S. DOT Transit, Safety, and Highway Funds:** https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/funding/funding_opportunities.pdf
- » **U.S. DOT Navigator:** <https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator>