

AGENDA

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

February 21, 2024

Hybrid Meeting In-person and via Zoom



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**CITY OF ELLENSBURG
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA**

**Council Conference Room
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom**

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024
5:15 PM - Regular Meeting**

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members**
- 2. Chair & Vice Chair Election**
- 3. Approval of Agenda** (No Public Comment)
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - 4.A Regular Meeting Minutes December 20, 2023
 - 4.B January 17, 2024, Meeting Cancelled, No Quorum
- 5. Citizen Comment**
- 6. Staff Update/Discussion Items**
 - 6.A Comprehensive Plan Update
 - 6.B Washington State Energy Code Update
 - 6.C Sustainability & Energy Plan Update
- 7. New Business**
 - 7.A Set 2024 Meeting Dates
- 8. Bicycle Advisory**
 - 8.A Wayfinding/Guide Signs
 - 8.B Downtown On-Street Bicycle/Motorcycle Parking
 - 8.C Bicycle Friendly Community Status
- 9. Adjournment**



For more information on the Environmental Commission, contact Planner Laura Wilson at 509-962-7235.



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Environmental Commission, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

December 20, 2023

Time of Meeting

5:15 PM

Place of Meeting

**Council Conference Room
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

Commissioner Wollman called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

Present: Christina Wollman, Jean Marie Linhart, Kristine Steinkoenig, Jess Black, Aaron Peterson (connection issues), Raven Harlin

Also Present: Dan Carlson-Community Development Director; Laura Wilson-Planner; Kathy Boots-Planning Technician; Buddy Stanavich-Power & Gas Manager; Nichole Baker-Sustainability & Energy Coordinator; Brenda DeVore-public

2. Approval of Agenda

No change in agenda

3. Approval of Minutes

3.A October 18, 2023 Environmental Commission Minutes

Correction to October 18, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Jean Marie Linhart was absent but had been marked both present and absent.

4. New Business

None

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. Citizen Comment

Brenda DeVore was present. She is a potential future Commissioner.

7. Bicycle Advisory

IOOF donated 45 bikes to FISH food bank to give away for Christmas. A total of 150 bikes were given away in 2023.

8. Staff Update/Discussion Items

Wollman will be gone for the January 2024 meeting. She is open to being nominated for Chair or Vice Chair if the members choose her.

8.A Sustainability & Energy Plan Discussion

8.A Sustainability & Energy Plan - Draft

Stanavich presented a draft sustainability and energy plan to the Commission members. The draft was presented to the DEI and Utility Advisory Committee. He summarized what has been done in the past year and wanted to know if the members felt there was anything missing from the plan. The plan is derived from compliance required by the Washington Legislature Climate Commitment Act. Baseline uses for the public and City of Ellensburg facility uses were reviewed. A public survey was conducted. Based on the data gathered, strategies and priorities will be developed considering the funding and implementation required. State and Federal reporting of utility use has already started. It will be a four-year plan working on clean energy with consideration to how populations that are on a limited income can be mildly impacted. Commissioners gave a variety of ideas, such as: increasing trees, recycling water, increasing solar use, car charging stations at apartments, and City wind farm. The Kittitas County Connector increase in access and availability would decrease vehicles entering the city. A suggestion of creating a portion of the downtown to be pedestrian only. The cost and benefit of the strategies will be considered. Other comments are to be submitted to the staff by the end of this week to be included in the study session scheduled for January 2, 2024. Commission members may attend the study session.

Linhart motioned to recommend the plan being forwarded to City Council for approval. No discussion. The motion passed 5-0 with Commissioner Steinkoenig abstaining.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Environmental Commission, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

January 17, 2024

Time of Meeting

5:15 PM

Place of Meeting

**Council Conference Room
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Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

JANUARY 17, 2024, MEETING WAS CANCELED DUE TO NO QUORUM.

2. Chair and Vice Chair Election

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes

4.A December 20, 2023 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

5. Citizen Comment

6. New Business

7. Bicycle Advisory

8. Staff Update/Discussion Items

8.A Council Update on Sustainability & Energy Plan

9. Adjournment



Meeting Date: February 21, 2024

**City of Ellensburg
Environmental Commission Agenda Report**

Agenda Subject: Sustainability & Energy Plan Update
Submitted by:
Department: Community Development

Suggested Motion/Action:
No Action, Staff Update Item

Background/Summary:
City Council adopted Resolution 2024-02 on January 16, 2024. This commits the City to the Sustainability and Energy Plan as the standard that guides the City when making future decisions to amend or adopt ordinances and policies to address local impacts of climate change and comply with State greenhouse gas emission regulations.

Previous Council Action:

Analysis:

Financial Impact:

Budget Adjustment: No

Attachments:
1. Action T-29

Table 3-9. Strategy T-2 Actions and Target Areas

Strategy T-2  Improve Central Transit system and programs to encourage community-wide use of public transit, with a focus on urban growth areas and communities with disadvantaged or vulnerable individuals		
Action No.	Action	Target Area
T-2.1	Update <i>Citywide Transit Master Plan</i> to identify opportunities for Central Transit to better connect residents to citywide destinations	 
T-2.2	Update existing frequency and route plans that provide more options for riders and offer first-/last-mile solutions	 
T-2.3	Improve ADA accessibility, rider protection, shading, and other safety and comfort features at all transit stops	 
T-2.4	Add sensors at traffic signals that enable traffic priority for transit	 
T-2.5	Review level of service standard and revise to fit City and community needs	 
T-2.6	Pursue federal and state grant funding to support Central Transit and community-wide traffic improvements	 
T-2.7	Complete safe streets study and develop a system-wide Transit Safety Plan	 
T-2.8	Enhance accessible community education resources (e.g., digital, physical, multilingual) to inform current and prospective riders on the benefits of public transit and Central Transit service offerings	 
T-2.9	Work with partners to improve regional transportation options	 

Table 3-10. Strategy T-3 Actions and Target Areas

Strategy T-3  Reduce vehicle miles traveled and transportation emissions across Ellensburg through active transportation, electric vehicles (EVs) and land use initiatives		
Action No.	Action	Target Area
T-3.1	Develop a rolling 3-year roadmap for implementing the City's <i>Active Transportation Plan</i>	 
T-3.2	Identify additional opportunities across the City of Ellensburg to discourage single-passenger driving and reduce maintenance needs	 



Meeting Date: February 21, 2024

**City of Ellensburg
Environmental Commission Agenda Report**

Agenda Subject: Set 2024 Meeting Dates
Submitted by:
Department: Community Development

Suggested Motion/Action:

Staff recommends the Environmental Commission move the November 20th meeting date to the Wednesday after Thanksgiving.

Background/Summary:

The Environmental Commission meets on the third Wednesday of the month. The regular November meeting would be the day before Thanksgiving. In previous years, the commission has voted to move the November meeting date. Staff reviewed the Council Conference Room meeting schedule in November and confirmed there was not a meeting conflict with other committees or groups.

Previous Council Action:

Analysis:

Financial Impact:

Budget Adjustment: No

Attachments:

1. 2024 Calendar

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December

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**City of Ellensburg
Environmental Commission Agenda Report**

Agenda Subject: Wayfinding/Guide Signs
Submitted by:
Department: Community Development

Suggested Motion/Action:

Background/Summary:

Some inconsistencies were observed with the wayfinding/guide signs along Alder Street. Council Member Lillquist suggested having signs in both directions at each intersection indicating that bicycles share the sidewalk, for the benefit of both the cyclists and pedestrians. Derek Mayo, City Engineer, didn't find formal guidance on the frequency of those types of signs, so Public Works utilized the typical sign spacing of bike lane signs as guidance for the installation, which was approximately 1500' to 2000' spacing. Currently, there are 2 signs per direction in the half mile section of the new trail. Public Works have monitored the area and observed the majority of the bikers utilizing the pathway and not riding on the roadway. Mr. Mayo would consider adding a few additional signs. It is noted that Mr. Mayo and Council Member Lillquist have not been receiving feedback from cyclists or pedestrians stating concerns over the wayfinding/guide signs. As the City creates additional shared use pathways, for example for the Gateway projects along University Way, staff is seeking guidance from the Bicycle Advisory Committee regarding placement of wayfinding/guide signs.

Previous Council Action:

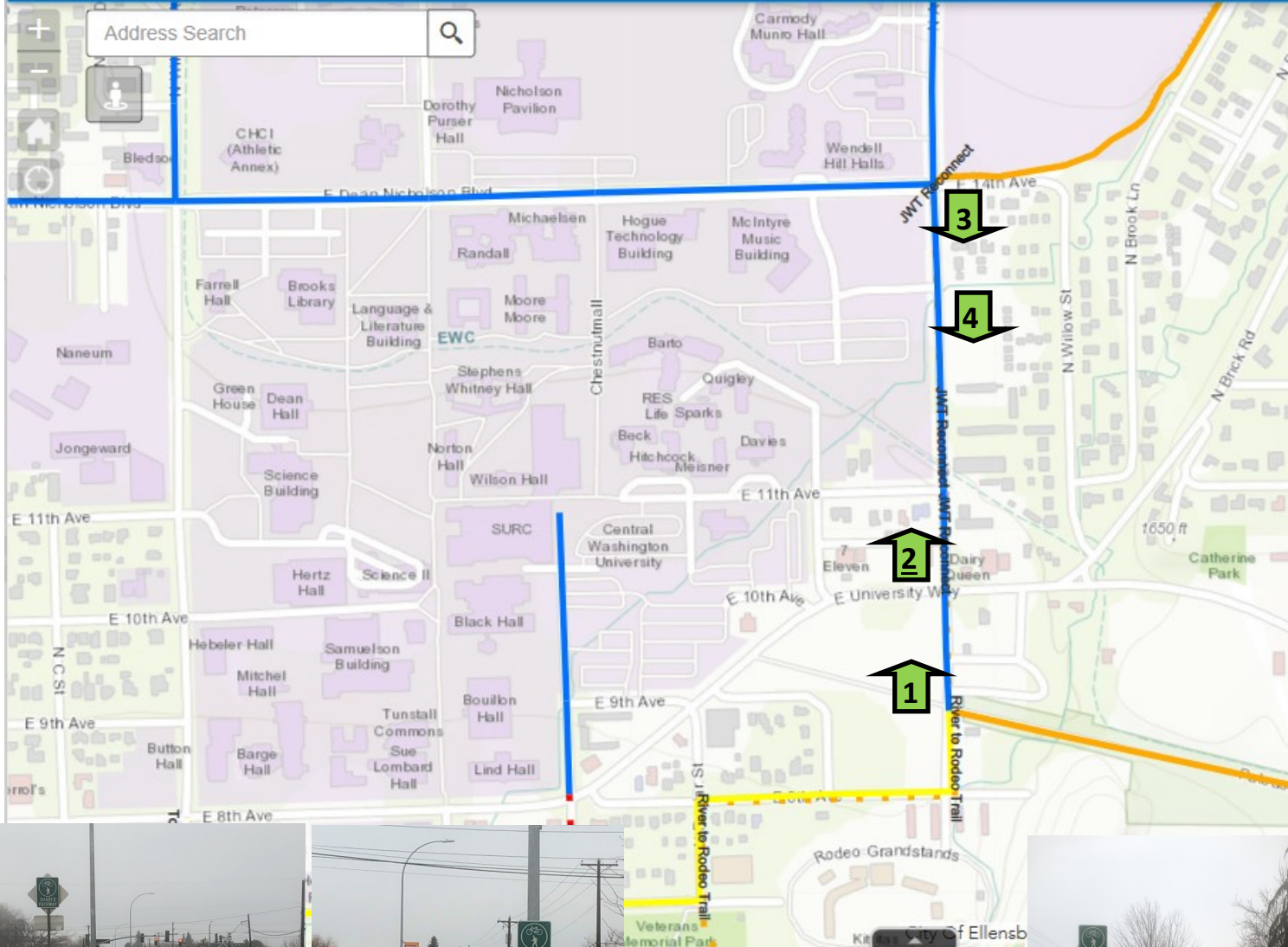
Analysis:

Financial Impact:

Budget Adjustment: No

Attachments:

1. Shared sidewalk signs



Legend

Bike Routes

- Bike Boulevard
- Bike Lane
- Shared Use
- Other Designated Route
- Future

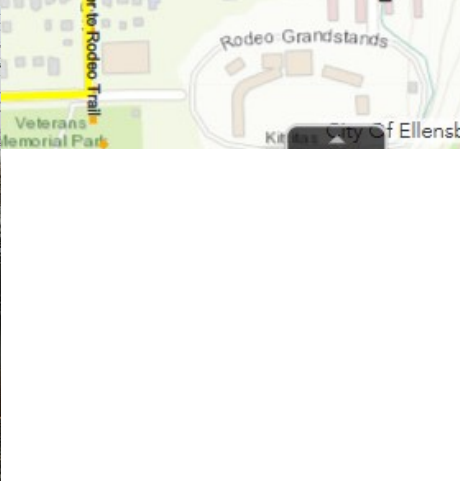
Multi-Use Offstreet Trails and Paths

- Existing Offstreet Trail or Path
- Planned Offstreet Trail or Path

Existing Park Trail



Shared Use Path





Address Search



N Enterprise Way

Wiskey Ct

Burlington Northern Santa Fe

W Rainier Ave

Prospect St

Burlington Northern Santa Fe

N Cascade St

W 7th Ave

W 15th Ave

W Rainier Ave

N Cora St

N Delphine St

W 11th Ave

N Okanogan St

W 8th Ave

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Legend

Bike Routes

-  Bike Boulevard
-  Bike Lane
-  Shared Use
-  Other Designated Route
-  Future

Multi-Use Offstreet Trails and Paths

-  Existing Offstreet Trail or Path
-  Planned Offstreet Trail or Path

Existing Park Trail



Shared Use Path



600ft

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Ellensburg GIS, City of Yakima, County of



Meeting Date: February 21, 2024

**City of Ellensburg
Environmental Commission Agenda Report**

Agenda Subject: Downtown On-Street Bicycle/Motorcycle Parking
Submitted by:
Department: Community Development

Suggested Motion/Action:

Background/Summary:

City staff is considering the revision of existing on-street Bicycle/Motorcycle parking code in the downtown. There was a request from a citizen to review the utilization of this parking. There are seven of these stalls around the CBD(Central Business District), primarily on 4th Ave and just off 4th Ave on Pine St and Pearl St. The citizen felt that many of these stalls were rarely used by motorcycles, never used by bicycles, and were large enough for vehicles.

Public Works staff presented this question to the Downtown Parking Committee in December 2023. The committee also felt that the designated on-street spaces weren't being used by bicycles and that bicycles prefer to park on the sidewalk utilizing one of the available bike racks, many of which have been added in the last few years. The committee felt conversion to ATV/motorcycle use made more sense with the new ATV ordinance and smaller size of ATVs. They also gave staff direction to evaluate each stall and remove from the code if the stalls are large enough for vehicles given the low perceived rate of use by motorcycles which can park in vehicle spaces.

After reviewing the stalls, staff found that four of the seven are large enough to be converted to vehicle use, which would increase CBD parking availability. The other three stalls would remain as ATV/Motorcycle parking. Staff is requesting feedback with any concerns over the proposed code revision shown in the attached markup.

Previous Council Action:

Analysis:

Financial Impact:

Budget Adjustment: No

Attachments:

1. Beckley Nov 8 2023 Downtown Parking Letter
2. ECC 8.12.020 Revisions

* My law office abutted 7th at N Fine for years & observed the debacle of the "safe bicycles" on 17th which never was used... OK maybe a bike or 2 per week

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KEN BECKLEY

Wednesday
Nov. 8, 2023

CELL: (509) 607-9520

EMAIL: kenbeckley2338@gmail.com

Hello City of Ellensburg Department of
Public Works... Street Parking

I have an inquiry and suggestion about the 2 "long time" reserved for bicycles and motorcycles only parking stalls located on the N and S side of W. 4th and N. Main eq near old Fitters, and current TAV and Frontier. I have been driving on that street and parking precisely in that area for 48+ years.

Question

① Why does the City waste those spots for motorcycles / bicycles when bike RARELY ever is it used for that purpose and remain empty "parking" spaces not serving the notable increase in parking spot needs for the public patronizing businesses in that busy downtown area. THEY ARE NOT NOR HAVE NOT BEEN USED FOR THE DESIGNATED PURPOSE! Also, motorcycles use regular spots on the street OR park in the couple smaller spots at the S end of the alley adjacent to the Frontier

SUGGESTED SOLUTION

② Give up on a purpose which is ^{not} needed or being used. Open up to general parking or at least open to on-street Disabled parking. Thanks for considering. Let me know your response to this note Ken Beckley

ATV

ATVs

8.20.020 - Parking reserved for ~~bicycles~~ and motorcycles.

When the following spaces are designated by appropriate signs and/or street markings, parking shall be reserved for ~~bicycles~~ and motorcycles only:

ATVs

Street name	Side	Location
Fourth Ave.	Both North	The westernmost space between Main St. and Pine Ruby St. ← and, Pine St. and Ruby St.
Pearl St.	Both West	The southernmost space between Third Ave. and Fourth Ave. and Fourth Ave. and Fifth Ave.
Pine St.	Both	The northernmost space between Third Ave. and Fifth Ave.

(Ord. 3387 § 7, 1983)



Ellensburg, WA



Award: Silver | Spring 2023

Award History:
Silver since 2015.

Ellensburg's BFA Program Stats

of Local Bicycle Friendly Businesses: **0**
of Local Bicycle Friendly Universities: **0**
of Local League Cycling Instructors: **1**
Washington's Bicycle Friendly State Ranking: **#3**

Community Profile

Population: 20,970
Area: 8 square miles
Population Density: 2621 people/square mile
Land Classification:
Mixed Urban/Suburban
Poverty Rate: 28%*
Median Household Income: \$43,567*
Percent of the Population that Speaks a
Language Other Than English at Home: 9.6%*
Percent with Disability: 11.5%*
Percent of Households with No Vehicle Available: 8.2%*
*Source: <https://data.census.gov/profile?g=160XX00US5321240>

Ellensburg's Bike Links

Bike Network Map, if available:
<https://www.bikemap.net/en/I/5793639/>
Bike Plan, if available:
<https://ci.ellensburg.wa.us/DocumentCenter/View/527/NMT-Plan-Final?bidId=>

The 5 Es Category Scores	Ellensburg	Max Score this round
Engineering	27%	53%
Education	21%	56%
Encouragement	30%	68%
Evaluation & Planning	28%	42%
Equity & Accessibility	9%	37%

Percentages shown above are the points received out of total points available in that category. See pages 2-3 for Ellensburg's subcategory points earned within each Category.

Key Outcomes

Overall Commuter Ridership: 1.1%

Male Commuter Ridership: 2.1%

Female Commuter Ridership: 0%

(Bicycle Mode Share among commuters, according to the Census Bureau's 2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate.)

Bicycle Mode Share: unknown

(Reported by applicant)

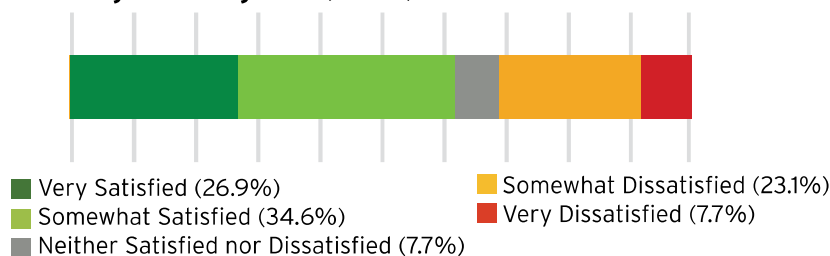
Annual Average Bicyclist Crashes in last 5 years: 7.6

Annual Average Bicyclist Fatalities in last 5 years: 0

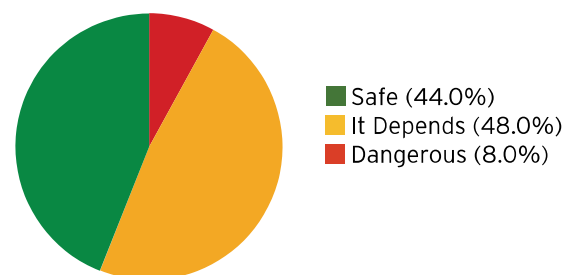
(Crashes and Fatalities both reported by applicant)

Spring 2023 BFC Public Survey Response Summary for Ellensburg, WA

How satisfied are you with how this community is designed for making bike riding safe? (n = 26)



Is it safe or dangerous to ride a bicycle in your neighborhood, or does it depend? (n = 25)



What is the number one change you would most like to see the local government make in this community for bicyclists? (n = 26)

1. More bike paths (26.9%)
2. More bike lanes (23.1%)
3. Improve markings and signage that direct people to safe bike routes (15.4%)

About this Report Card

The following scores are based on the online application submitted by Ellensburg in the Spring 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 the Summer of 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 Spring 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>Ellensburg earned 27% of the points available in the Engineering Category. Below is the breakdown of points that Ellensburg earned in each subcategory of the Engineering section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Spring 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Engineering Subcategories	Ellensburg's Subcategory Points in Engineering
	Policies and Design Standards for the Built Environment	10 / 41 pts
	End-of-Trip Facilities	12 / 44 pts
	Bicycle Network	26 / 128 pts
	Network Maintenance	13 / 32 pts
	Bicycle Access to Public Transportation	9 / 23 pts
	Bike Sharing	0 / 21 pts
	Other Bicycle-Related Amenities	2 / 6 pts
	Regional Coordination	14 / 23 pts
	Engineering Bonus Points	3 / 10 pts

EDUCATION	<i>Ellensburg earned 21% of the points available in the Education Category. Below is the breakdown of points that Ellensburg earned in each subcategory of the Education section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Spring 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Education Subcategories	Ellensburg's Subcategory Points in Education
	Youth Bicycle Education	15 / 69 pts
	Adult Bicycle Education	16 / 47 pts
	Motorist Education	6 / 28 pts
	Bicycle Safety Education Resources	2 / 16 pts
	Inclusive Education	1 / 26 pts
	Education Bonus Points	2 / 7 pts

ENCOURAGEMENT	<i>Ellensburg earned 30% of the points available in the Encouragement Category. Below is the breakdown of points that Ellensburg earned in each subcategory of the Encouragement section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Spring 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Encouragement Subcategories	Ellensburg's Subcategory Points in Encouragement
	Encouragement Policies, Programs and Partnerships	3 / 17 pts
	Route-Finding Support	5 / 10 pts
	Bicycle Culture and Promotion	31 / 91 pts
	Access To Bicycle Equipment and Repair Services	8 / 35 pts
	Reducing Work-Related/Fleet VMT	1 / 11 pts
	Encouragement Bonus Points	2 / 7 pts

EVALUATION & PLANNING	<i>Ellensburg earned 28% of the points available in the Evaluation & Planning Category. Below is the breakdown of points that Ellensburg earned in each subcategory of the Evaluation & Planning section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Spring 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Evaluation & Planning Subcategories	Ellensburg's Subcategory Points in Evaluation & Planning
	Staffing And Committees	11 / 40 pts
	Public Engagement for Bicycle Planning	6 / 35 pts
	Planning, Funding, And Implementation	10 / 46 pts
	Evaluating The Bicycle Network	15 / 24 pts
	Evaluating Ridership	4 / 20 pts
	Evaluating & Improving Safety Outcomes	14 / 42 pts
	Evaluation & Planning Bonus Points	1 / 7 pts

EQUITY & ACCESSIBILITY	<i>Ellensburg earned 9% of the points available in the Equity & Accessibility Category. Below is the breakdown of points that Ellensburg earned in each subcategory of the Equity & Accessibility section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Spring 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Equity & Accessibility Subcategories	Ellensburg's Subcategory Points in Equity & Accessibility
	Equity & Accessibility Staffing, Committees, & Partnerships	4 / 24 pts
	Equity Data Collection & Goals	0 / 12 pts
	Equity & Accessibility Policies & Plans	2 / 31 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Engineering	7 / 44 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Education	0 / 52 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Encouragement	4 / 42 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Evaluation & Planning	7 / 58 pts
	Equity & Accessibility Bonus Points	1 / 9 pts



Ellensburg, WA

Award: Silver | **Spring 2023** | **Award History:** Silver since 2015.

FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE:

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

- » Congratulations on adopting the 2020 Active Transportation Plan! Ensure that there is dedicated funding for the implementation of all types of bicycle infrastructure recommended by the new plan.
- » Develop a design manual that meets current NACTO standards or adopt the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide, as a higher standard than your current adopted guidance. (For example, amend your Complete Streets ordinance to specify use of NACTO design resources under 4.05.050 "Design criteria.") This will make it easier for city staff to propose and implement bicycle facility designs that have been shown to improve conditions for people who bike in other cities throughout the United States.
- » Continue to expand the bike network and increase connectivity through the use of different types of bicycle facilities appropriate for the speed and volume of motor vehicle traffic on each road. On roads where automobile speeds regularly reach or exceed 35 mph, it is recommended to provide protected bicycle infrastructure such as protected bike lanes/cycle tracks, buffered bike lanes or parallel 10ft wide shared-use paths. In slower speed areas such as quiet neighborhood streets, develop a system of bicycle boulevards that create an attractive, convenient, and comfortable cycling environment welcoming to cyclists of all ages and skill levels.
- » Consider launching a bike share system that is open to the public. Bike sharing is a convenient, cost effective, and healthy way of encouraging locals and visitors to make short trips by bike, make bicycling more accessible to all, and to bridge the 'last mile' between public transit and destinations.
- » Improve bicycle safety education for students of all ages by incorporating more on-bicycle education opportunities and by expanding the program to all K-12 schools. Providing bicycles in schools for on-bike education -- including adaptive bikes for students with disabilities -- ensures that all students can learn to safely ride a bicycle regardless of the availability of a bicycle in their household. Work with the school district, local bicycle groups, and interested parents to expand and improve the Safe Routes to School program.
- » 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.
- » Develop education and encouragement outreach methods and programs that specifically target families, women, seniors, low-income, and non-English speaking communities, in addition to general non-targeted outreach and media campaigns that discuss current and new bicycle facilities, safe driver and bicyclist behavior, and events related to walking and biking.
- » Encourage more local businesses, agencies, and organizations to promote cycling to their employees and customers and to seek recognition through the Bicycle Friendly Business program. City Hall or other municipal buildings could apply to the BFB program as an employer to lead by example among other local employers.



Ellensburg, WA

Award: Silver | Spring 2023 | Award History: Silver since 2015.

FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE, CONTINUED:

- » Develop a community-wide trip reduction ordinance/program, commuter incentive program, and a Guaranteed Ride Home program to encourage and support bike commuters in Ellensburg.
- » Increase the amount of staff time spent on improving conditions for people who bike and walk, either by creating a new dedicated position or expanding the responsibilities of current staff. Ensure that this position is well supported with training and professional development opportunities to stay up-to-speed on the latest best practices and safety guidelines for bicycle planning, outreach, and infrastructure.
- » It's great that your community already has a Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) that meets monthly. Consider how to expand the diversity of roles and representatives who sit on the committee, and ensure that the members of the committee reflect the full range and ability levels of cyclists in your community.
- » 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 for your community.

MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

- » **Guide to this BFC Report Card:** <https://bit.ly/BFC-Report-Card-Guide-Sp23>
- » **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 League's Benchmarking Project on Biking and 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>
- » **Advocacy Reports and Resources from the League:** <http://bikeleague.org/reports>
- » **Federal Funding Resources from the League:**
<https://bikeleague.org/take-action/policy-advocacy/federal-policy/federal-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>