



Ann Arbor MICHIGAN



Level Awarded: **Bronze**

Date Awarded: **May 2005**

Population: **114,024**

Square Miles (land): **28**

Location:



MOST SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENT

The City Council has made a long-term commitment to earmark 5 percent of state gasoline and weight tax revenues for non-motorized transportation purposes.

HIGHLIGHTS

The 5 percent gasoline and weight tax revenues, secured during the first John Hieftje administration, is driving the implementation of the city's non-motorized plan and resulted in the construction or demarcation of more than 15 miles of bike lanes within the city limits in 2003-2004.

The Ann Arbor City Council has not only voiced a commitment to an integrated bicycle network, they have taken political and financial steps to realize that end.

Since adding bicycle racks to city buses several years ago, the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority has seen a 12 percent increase in ridership.

The city also joined the Bike Winter Campaign, which was initiated to encourage cyclists to bike year round. The program encourages people to ride throughout winter by scheduling rides, social events, and winter biking workshops.

Ann Arbor is located in a region with a profound level of political sympathy for the automobile and its attendant accommodations. While automotive hegemony pervades most of the country, its influence is especially significant in southeastern Michigan. Ann Arbor's recognition as a bicycle-friendly community recognizes the city's understanding that other transportation options can be viable and respected.



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