



# Boulder COLORADO



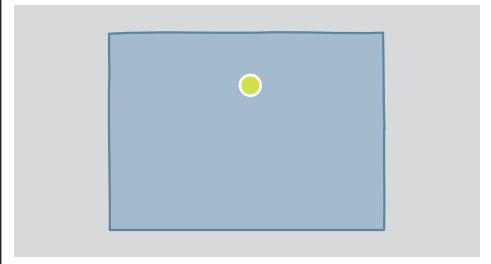
Level Awarded: **Gold**

Date Awarded: **May 2004, renewed May 2005**

Population: **101,500** (as of Jan. 2004)

Square Miles (land): **24**

Location:



## MOST SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENT

A total of \$3.1 million, 15 percent of Boulder's 2004 transportation budget, supported bicycle mode operations/maintenance and enhancement activities.

## HIGHLIGHTS

In 2003, biking accounted for 21 percent of commute trips and 14 percent of all trips in Boulder. This compares with 10.6 percent and 9.1 percent respectively in 1990. Bike use and other non-automotive modes have limited the growth in vehicle miles of travel in Boulder to about 1 percent annually since 1990.

Boulder's existing off-street system includes 65 underpasses and 105 path miles. An additional 192 miles of on-street bike lane miles (including shoulders) serve bicyclists along roadways. More than 95 percent of Boulder's arterial streets have bicycle facilities. All local and regional public buses are equipped with bike racks and regional buses allow bikes to be stored in the luggage compartment.

Boulder's Complete Streets approach achieves a balance that serves all users and allows transportation choices. The recently completed 17th Street Transportation Improvement project added bike lanes despite a loss of 25 on-street parking spaces.

Boulder is creating easy-to-use online bike routing. Similar to other online mapping tools, cyclists will enter their origin and destination, and preference for type of facilities. They will then receive directions by bike rather than by car. In Boulder, bicycle paths are afforded priority status by maintenance crews that remove snow and ice after winter storms. A crew plows off-street paths.

More than 4,000 folks participate in Boulder's Bike to Work Day. In 2005, the Boulder Safe Route to School pilot program was launched. Three schools implemented non-infrastructure programs to encourage more kids to walk and bike to school. One school reported 75 percent of their students biked and walked to school — a 620 percent increase from before the pilot.

Boulder East, a newly formed transportation mobility organization, established a BikePool pilot program. Since October 2004, eight companies have joined the program and received between two and four new bicycles.



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