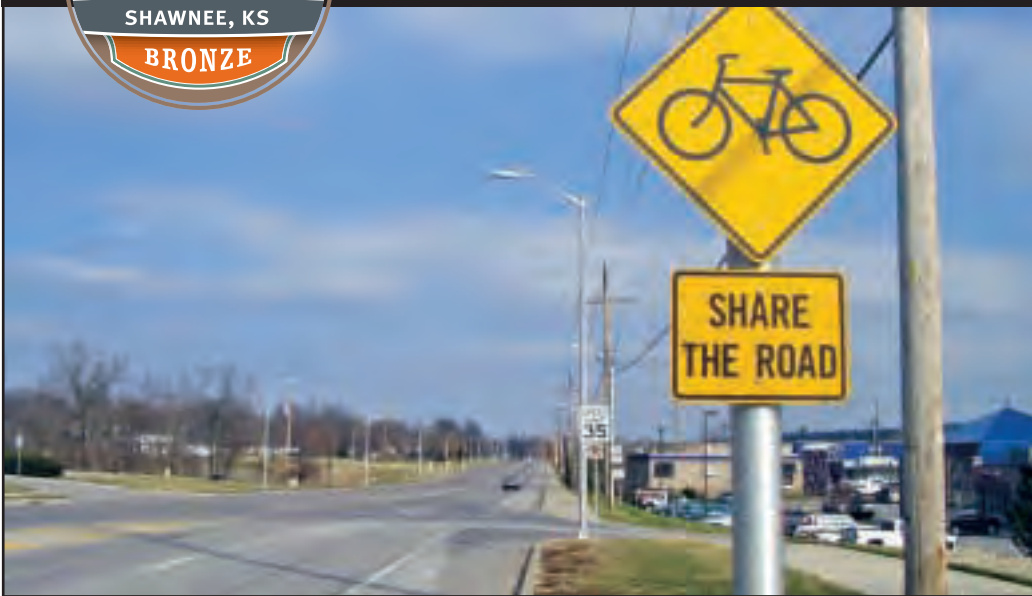




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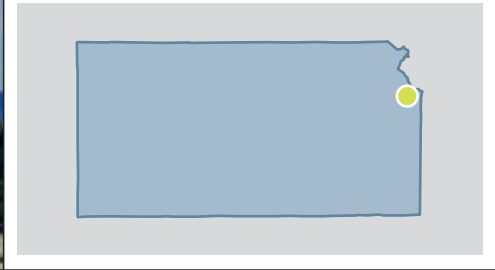
Level Awarded: **Bronze**

Date Awarded: **May 2003, renewed May 2005**

Population: **56,178**

Square Miles (land): **41.7**

Location:



MOST SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENT

Shawnee was the first city in the Greater Kansas Metropolitan Area to draft and adopt a bicycle transportation plan that incorporated both on-road and off-road bicycle facilities. The plan's development, initiated and overseen by Shawnee citizens, serves as a model for all the communities in the region. Shawnee is steadily progressing on the implementation of its ambitious master plan, a difficult challenge worthy of recognition.

HIGHLIGHTS

Shawnee was a pioneer community in putting public safety employees such as Fire Department personnel on bikes. This effort has greatly increased the ability of emergency response personnel to reach remote or hard to access areas.

Shawnee has made significant investments toward the Bicycle and Recreational Trail Master Plan, including installing bike lanes on Rosehill Road from 55th Street to Johnson Drive (0.5 mile, \$2,000,000) and Holiday Drive to I-435 to Locust (one mile, \$4,400,000). Shawnee received a National Trails Grant for a recreational trail at Monticello Park (0.5 miles, \$140,000). Garret Park Trail was also completed recently. This trail connects five neighborhoods to the park (one mile, \$607,000).

The City was awarded a three-year Community Outreach and Education grant to study the Benefits of Bicycle Transportation.

The residents of Shawnee have shown an overwhelming support for bicycling through a needs assessment. Two of the top three recreational facilities that residents wanted included bicycling.



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