



Tempe ARIZONA



The Tour de Tempe bike ride

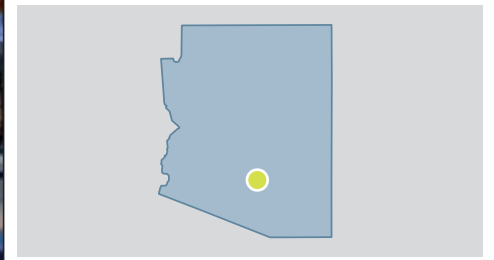
Level Awarded: Silver

Date Awarded: May 2003, renewed October 2005

Population: 160,676

Square Miles (land): 40.1

Location:



MOST SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENT

Based on census data from 2000, 3.5 percent of Tempe residents bike to work.

HIGHLIGHTS

Tempe's ongoing efforts to promote bicycling includes lowering the speeds on most arterial streets and plans to build two freeway crossings for bicycles in the next five years.

Tempe offers more than 165 miles of dedicated bikeways, and has an historical 40-year commitment to improving bicycling facilities. In 1971, Tempe was the first city in Arizona to build a bike lane. In 1974, Tempe adopted its first bicycle plan.

The city recently built and instituted the Country Club Way Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge, which crosses U.S. 60 and is accessible to people with wheelchairs, bicycles and strollers. Tempe also recently completed construction of the Crosscut Canal Multi-Use Path, providing new opportunities for bicyclists, joggers and pedestrians to enjoy Papago Park and the Papago Salado area. The 1.25-mile path, which is accessible to people in wheelchairs, runs along the west bank of the Crosscut Canal in north Tempe between Canal Park (at Marigold Lane and College Avenue) and McDowell Road.

Tempe has the highest population density and the highest percentage of bicycle riders in the state of Arizona.

Tempe continually implements innovative and progressive facilities with a strong financial commitment of more than \$5 million in bicycle projects in the annual budget.



Country Club Way Bicycle/Ped Bridge



An artist-designed "Monopoly" bicycle rack



Crosscut Canal Multi-Use Path

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