



places**for**bikes

CITY RATINGS: WHAT IT IS, + HOW IT WORKS



Separated space for bikes can benefit bicyclists of all confidence levels.



Intersections require thoughtful design to increase safety and visibility for bicyclists.

IMPROVING YOUR CITY RATINGS SCORE

All cities can improve their scores by removing barriers to bicycling for everyone.

Slowing speeds, making intersections safer, and installing protected bike lanes are critical strategies to improve your score.

- 1 Lower the speeds of all vehicles.** Reduced speeds make streets safer for everyone and make bicyclists feel safer. Residential speed limits lower than 25 mph can create comfortable, low-stress streets for biking.
- 2 Improve safety and visibility at intersections.** Increase visibility for bicyclists, reduce conflicts, slow speeds, bicycle actuated signals and green paint improve convenience and visibility. Protected intersections provide the most separation and legibility for everyone.
- 3 Separate bikes from cars using protected bike lanes.** Bicyclists need more separation from vehicles when traffic is traveling at high speeds. Separate bikes from vehicles with protected bike lanes to improve comfort. Drivers also prefer to be separated from bicyclists.
- 4 Expand public transit and improve access for bikes.** Bicycle and public transit are complementary methods of travel allowing users to travel longer distances without getting a car.

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HELPFUL RESOURCES:

Find out how your city scored by [reading your city's Custom Scorecard](#). Read how to [make intersections safer for bicycles](#) from NACTO. Learn about how to [quickly build better streets](#).