## **City of Shoreline**

## **NEWS**

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## Shoreline named a Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community<sup>SM</sup> by the League of American Bicyclists

Today, the League of American Bicyclists recognized Shoreline with a Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community<sup>SM</sup> (BFC<sup>SM</sup>) award, joining 464 other bike friendly communities across the country.

With the announcement of 61 new and renewing BFCs today, Shoreline joins a leading group of communities in every state that are transforming the American landscape. "We applaud these communities for making bicycling a safe and convenient option for transportation and recreation," said Bill Nesper, Executive Director at the League of American Bicyclists. "We are encouraged by the growing number of leaders who see bicycling as a way to build more vibrant, healthy, sustainable and connected communities and be a part of the solution to many complex challenges faced at both the community and national levels. We look forward to continuing to work with these communities as we move closer to our mission of creating a Bicycle Friendly America for everyone."

The BFC program helps communities evaluate their quality of life, sustainability, and accessibility, while allowing them to benchmark progress toward improving their bicycle-friendliness. The Bronze BFC award recognizes Shoreline's commitment to improving conditions for bicycling through investment in bicycling promotion, education programs, infrastructure and pro-bicycling policies.

"We are honored to receive this national recognition for our work at developing a bicycle network throughout Shoreline that is safe and convenient for all riders," stated Shoreline Mayor Will Hall.

Since the Bicycle Friendly Community program's inception over 20 years ago, more than 800 distinct communities have applied for recognition. The program provides a roadmap to building a Bicycle Friendly Community for communities of all shapes and sizes. The rigorous application process is an educational tool in itself and includes an opportunity for local bicyclists to provide input on their experiences and perceptions of bicycling in their community.

To learn more about the BFC program, visit bikeleague.org/community.

The League of American Bicyclists is leading the movement to create a Bicycle Friendly America for everyone. As leaders, our commitment is to listen and learn, define standards and share best practices to engage diverse communities and build a powerful, unified voice for change.

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