



Venice, FL



2024 BFC Award: Silver
Award History: Silver since 2012;
Previously applied and received Honorable
Mention in 2008.

Venice's BFA Program Stats
of Local Bicycle Friendly Businesses: **1**
of Local Bicycle Friendly Universities: **0**
of Local League Cycling Instructors: **2**
Florida's Bicycle Friendly State Ranking: **#8**

The 5 Es Category Scores	Venice	Max Score this round
Engineering	37.30%	79.26%
Education	47.11%	83.25%
Encouragement	26.90%	90.86%
Evaluation & Planning	25.40%	75.73%
Equity & Accessibility	4.15%	75.47%

Scores are determined by points earned in each 'E' Category, weighted against comparable communities in the 2024 BFC round. See pages 2-3 for your full subcategory points in each Category.

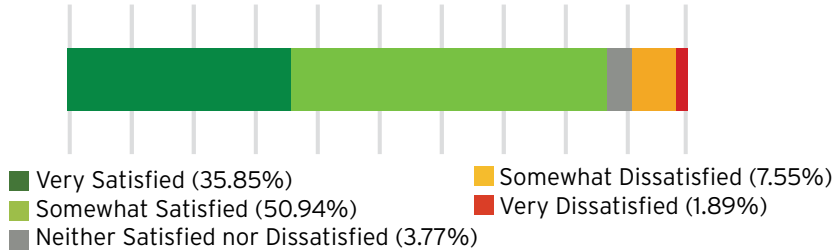
Key Outcomes
Overall Commuter Ridership: 1.3%
Male Commuter Ridership: 2.5%
Female Commuter Ridership: 0%
(Bicycle Mode Share among commuters, according to the Census Bureau's 2022 or 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate.)
Bicycle Mode Share: Unknown
(Reported by applicant)
Annual Average Bicyclist Crashes in last 5 years: 14.4
Annual Average Bicyclist Fatalities in last 5 years: 0.2
(Crashes and Fatalities both reported by applicant)

Community Profile
Population: 25,463
(Size classification for weighted scoring: Small)
Area: 17.78 square miles
Population Density: 1,432.10 people/square mile
Land Classification: Mixed Urban/Suburban/Rural
Poverty Rate: 7.5%*
Median Household Income: \$68,843*
Percent of the Population that Speaks a Language Other Than English at Home: 11.5%*
Percent with Disability: 21%*
Percent of Households with No Vehicle Available: 0.5%*
**Source: https://data.census.gov/profile/Venice_city_Florida?q=160XX-00US1273900*

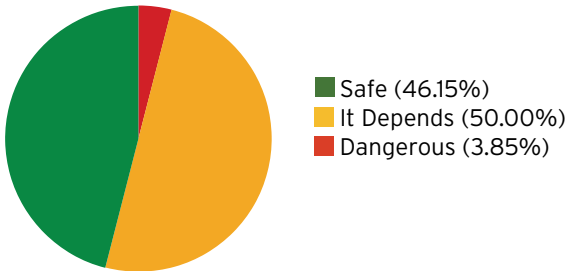
Venice's Bike Links
Bike Network Map, if available:
<https://geo.venicefl.gov/portal/apps/sites/#/data/app/0af-b61e4490c4ede8220cd97da682f13>
Bike Plan, if available:
<https://www.venicegov.com/government/planning-and-zoning/comprehensive-plan-update>

2024 BFC Public Survey Response Summary for Venice, FL

How satisfied are you with how this community is designed for making bike riding safe? (n = 53)



Is it safe or dangerous to ride a bicycle in your neighborhood, or does it depend? (n = 52)



What are the top 1-3 changes you would most like to see the local government make in this community for bicyclists? (n = 53)

- 1. More bike lanes (45.28%)
- 2. Improve existing bike lanes to protected bike lanes (45.28%)
- 3. More bike paths (43.40%)

About this Report Card

The following scores are based on the online application submitted by Venice in the 2024 Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) submission round. These scores reflect a combination of automatically-generated points earned through the online application, as well as judge-assigned points and bonus points given by BFC reviewers.

The League updated its Bicycle Friendly Community application and awards criteria in 2022, after nearly a year of research, focus groups, interviews, listening sessions, and other outreach. The updated application includes a new section on Equity and Accessibility, and other changes throughout. As such, **this Bicycle Friendly Community Report card is a beta version** as we refine our new scoring system and develop a greater understanding of how to convey new information.

All 2024 BFC Report Cards (including this one) will be republished with updated scores if there are significant changes to the points system after the next round of BFC applications. To learn more about the BFC application and awards criteria, please visit <https://bikeleague.org/community>.

ENGINEERING	<i>Venice earned a weighted score of 37.30% in the Engineering Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Venice earned in each subcategory within the Engineering section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2024 BFC application.</i>	
	Engineering Subcategories	Venice's Subcategory Points in Engineering
	Policies and Design Standards for the Built Environment	5.3 / 41 pts
	End-of-Trip Facilities	5.0 / 44 pts
	Bicycle Network	27.2 / 128 pts
	Network Maintenance	17.8 / 32 pts
	Bicycle Access to Public Transportation	9.0 / 23 pts
	Bike Sharing	0.0 / 24 pts
	Other Bicycle-Related Amenities	2.3 / 6 pts
	Regional Coordination	14.2 / 23 pts
	Engineering Bonus Points	3.5 / 10 pts

EDUCATION	<i>Venice earned a weighted score of 47.11% in the Education Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Venice earned in each subcategory of the Education section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2024 BFC application.</i>	
	Education Subcategories	Venice's Subcategory Points in Education
	Youth Bicycle Education	24.4 / 68 pts
	Adult Bicycle Education	19.2 / 47 pts
	Motorist Education	15.8 / 28 pts
	Bicycle Safety Education Resources	1.7 / 16 pts
	Inclusive Education	0.5 / 26 pts
	Education Bonus Points	2.7 / 7 pts

ENCOURAGEMENT	<i>Venice earned a weighted score of 26.90% in the Encouragement Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Venice earned in each subcategory of the Encouragement section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2024 BFC application.</i>	
	Encouragement Subcategories	Venice's Subcategory Points in Encouragement
	Encouragement Policies, Programs and Partnerships	4.0 / 17 pts
	Route-Finding Support	5.2 / 10 pts
	Bicycle Culture and Promotion	18.3 / 91 pts
	Access To Bicycle Equipment and Repair Services	6.0 / 35 pts
	Reducing Work-Related/Fleet VMT	0.0 / 11 pts
	Encouragement Bonus Points	1.0 / 7 pts

EVALUATION & PLANNING	<i>Venice earned a weighted score of 25.40% in the Evaluation & Planning Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Venice earned in each subcategory of the Evaluation & Planning section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2024 BFC application.</i>	
	Evaluation & Planning Subcategories	Venice's Subcategory Points in Evaluation & Planning
	Staffing And Committees	10.5 / 35 pts
	Public Engagement for Bicycle Planning	3.7 / 35 pts
	Planning, Funding, And Implementation	8.5 / 46 pts
	Evaluating The Bicycle Network	0.0 / 25 pts
	Evaluating Ridership	0.6 / 20 pts
	Evaluating & Improving Safety Outcomes	11.4 / 42 pts
	Evaluation & Planning Bonus Points	2.5 / 15 pts

EQUITY & ACCESSIBILITY	<i>Venice earned a weighted score of 4.15% in the Equity & Accessibility Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Venice earned in each subcategory of the Equity & Accessibility section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2024 BFC application.</i>	
	Equity & Accessibility Subcategories	Venice's Subcategory Points in Equity & Accessibility
	Equity & Accessibility Staffing, Committees, & Partnerships	0.5 / 24 pts
	Equity Data Collection & Goals	0.0 / 27 pts
	Equity & Accessibility Policies & Plans	0.5 / 21 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Engineering	0.0 / 44 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Education	1.1 / 52 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Encouragement	1.0 / 42 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Evaluation & Planning	3.4 / 51 pts
	Equity & Accessibility Bonus Points	0.4 / 9 pts



Venice, FL

2024 BFC Award: Silver | Award History: Silver since 2012, previously received Honorable Mention in 2008.

FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE:

To maintain and improve on Venice's Silver-level Bicycle Friendly Community award, BFC Reviewers recommend...

- » Continue to expand and improve Venice's low-stress on-road bike network and ensure that your community follows a bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume, to maximize safety and comfort for bicyclists of all ages and abilities. Identify gaps and add new facilities that complete and expand the bicycle network, and work to upgrade existing facilities, such as by converting bike lanes into protected bike lanes, and upgrading roads with sharrows into dedicated bicycle boulevards through speed reductions and traffic calming.
- » Develop a design manual that meets current FHWA, AASHTO, and/or NACTO standards, or formally adopt one of these organizations' newly updated guidebooks as official guidance for your community's transportation planners and engineers. This will make it easier for city staff to propose and implement bicycle facility designs that have been shown to improve conditions for people who bike in other cities throughout the United States.
- » Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the community, and to upgrade the quality of existing bike parking to meet APBP standards. Adopt a bike parking ordinance for new and existing buildings that specifies the amount and location of secure, convenient bike parking available. Develop community-wide Bicycle Parking Standards that adhere to current APBP guidelines. (See www.apbp.org/bicycle-parking-solutions)
- » Work with any local residents with disabilities and/or disability rights organizations to discuss and learn how the city's bicycling efforts can further improve accessibility for cyclists with disabilities and incorporate principles of universal design. Conduct an accessibility audit of your bike infrastructure and end-of-trip facilities, and work to build more intentional inclusion of people with disabilities during your community's outreach, engagement, and planning processes.
- » Consider launching a bike share system or bicycle lending library that is open to the public. Bike sharing is a convenient, cost effective, and healthy way of encouraging locals and visitors to make short trips by bike, make bicycling more accessible to all, and to bridge the 'last mile' between destinations.
- » Improve bicycle safety education for students of all ages by incorporating more on-bicycle education opportunities and by expanding the program to all K-12 schools. Providing bicycles in schools for on-bike education ensures that all students can learn to safely ride a bicycle regardless of the availability of a bicycle in their household. Work with the school district, local bicycle groups, and interested parents to expand and improve the Safe Routes to School program.
- » Develop more education and outreach methods and programs that specifically target part-time residents, tourists, families, youth, women, non-English speakers, and people with disabilities, in addition to general non-targeted outreach and media campaigns that discuss current and new bicycle facilities, safe driver and bicyclist behavior, and events related to walking and biking.



Venice, FL

2024 BFC Award: Silver | Award History: Silver since 2012, previously received Honorable Mention in 2008.

FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE, CONTINUED:

- » Continue to encourage more local businesses, agencies, and organizations to promote cycling to their employees and customers and to seek recognition through the Bicycle Friendly Business program.
- » Work with local employers to create a Bike to Work Day event during Florida Bike Month in March or National Bike Month in May. Bike to Work Day often involves a central “pit stop” station with food, community groups, and elected officials promoting and helping people to choose to bike to work.
- » While it is understandable that a community of Venice’s size does not have a dedicated bike program manager or similar role for the city, we encourage your Engineering and Public Works departments to provide staff with professional development and training opportunities for city employees who have bicycle-related responsibilities. Explore Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP), as well as webinars, seminars, and conferences from national organizations like the League of American Bicyclists, Smart Growth America, and America Walks. Your statewide group, Florida Bicycle Association, may also have conferences or other learning opportunities for your staff to engage with.
- » Conduct a connectivity analysis and network quality evaluation of your existing bicycle network, and work to identify and fill any gaps. Establish a performance measurement program for bicycling and/or active transportation infrastructure. See FHWA’s resources on these topics: https://bit.ly/FHWA_connectivity and https://bit.ly/FHWA_bikepedPMs.
- » Continue to develop a bicycle count program that utilizes several methods of data collection including automated bicycle counters to provide long-term data on bicycle use at fixed points and mobile counters to provide periodic or before/after data related to changes in your community’s road or bicycle network. Observational counts and surveys can supplement automated data in order to collect demographic information and examine social equity goals.
- » Adopt a goal to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries and support this goal with a comprehensive road safety plan and/or a Vision Zero policy to identify specific strategies to reduce traffic crashes and deaths for all road users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. Introducing low stress bikeway facilities and lowering vehicle speeds through traffic calming treatments are important engineering components for addressing roadway safety. Look into the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration Grants from the U.S. Department of Transportation for potential funding opportunities to support this work: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>.
- » Consider what other local community groups exist in Venice who may be good potential partners to reach new audiences and build on existing bike education, encouragement, and engagement efforts. Question F4 on the BFC application provides a wealth of suggested community partners



Venice, FL

2024 BFC Award: Silver | Award History: Silver since 2012, previously received Honorable Mention in 2008.

FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE, CONTINUED:

for you to consider, beyond the existing bike clubs and organizations that are already active in this space.

- » Explore potential partnerships with local, regional or statewide public health agencies and organizations that may be able to support your efforts to create more opportunities for active transportation and physical activity through community design. To show your community's commitment to health and wellness through active transportation, work with local elected officials to pass an Active People, Healthy NationSM Proclamation this year. Active People, Healthy NationSM is a national initiative led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help 27 million Americans become more physically active by 2027. Learn more at: <https://www.cdc.gov/active-people-healthy-nation/php/data-research/proclamations.html>.

MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

- » **Guide to this BFC Report Card:** <https://bit.ly/BFC-Report-Card-Guide-2024>
- » **League of American Bicyclists:** <https://www.bikeleague.org>
- » **Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/community>
- » **Resources for Building a Bicycle Friendly Community:** https://bikeleague.org/BFC_Resources
- » **About the BFC Application Process:** <https://bikeleague.org/content/about-bfc-application-process>
- » **The Five E's:** <https://bikeleague.org/5-es>
- » **The BFC Ideabook and Map:** <https://bikeleague.org/BFCIdeaBook>
- » **The League's Benchmarking Project on Biking & Walking Data and Reports:** <https://data.bikeleague.org>
- » **Bicycle Friendly State (BFS) Rankings and Report Cards:** <https://bikeleague.org/state>
- » **Bicycle Friendly Business (BFB) Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/business>
- » **Bicycle Friendly University (BFU) Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/university>
- » **Smart Cycling Education Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/ridesmart>
- » **National Bike Month Resources:** <https://bikeleague.org/bikemonth>
- » **More Reports and Resources from the League:** <http://bikeleague.org/reports>
- » **Federal Funding Resources from the League:** <https://bikeleague.org/federal-funding-resources/>
- » **Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities from U.S. DOT Transit, Safety, and Highway Funds:** https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/funding/funding_opportunities.pdf
- » **U.S. DOT Navigator:** <https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator>