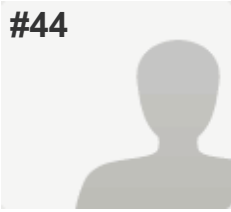


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Q13: I attest that I am certified to make this submission on behalf of my jurisdiction.

Yes

PAGE 3: Physical Activity - Best Practice Questions

Q14: Does your jurisdiction require bike facilities (e.g., bike boulevards, bike lanes, bike ways, multi-use paths) to be built for all new and redeveloped roadway and park projects? Provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

Yes (please provide a brief description no more than 150 words)

The City of Venice has been awarded as a Silver Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists for the second time. Based on our City Standard Details, Comprehensive Plan and Code of ordinances, all new and redeveloped roads are evaluated for inclusion of bike lanes and sidewalks. In addition, several existing roadways have been upgrade to include Sharrows where sufficient pavement width is not available for bike lanes. Multi-use paths have been installed that allow 10 miles of pathway along the IntraCoastal Waterway and 17 miles to the north from Venice to Sarasota. Several new parks have been constructed with multi-use trails (Maxine Barritt Park, Venice Myakka River Park and Legacy Park) or upgraded to widen existing facilities for multi-use (Heritage Park – currently under construction. A comprehensive inventory of road, bike lane and sidewalk facilities has been completed and a recent \$18 million bond issue was approved by voters this year for resurfacing and reconstructing 70 lanes miles of roads. During construction, bike lanes and pedestrian facilities will be upgraded where feasible.

Q15: Has your jurisdiction adopted a Complete Streets approach to support walking and biking infrastructure or incorporated design specifications into your rules and standards that make streets safe for users of all abilities and ages? Provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

Yes (please provide a brief description no more than 150 words)

Currently the Comprehensive Plan is being updated to formally incorporate Complete Street design standards, however, our code of ordinances and City Standard Details have required the installation of upgraded standards for public and private roads including the requirement for sidewalks and bike lanes. Crossings are required to meet current ADA standards and circulation of pedestrian traffic is closely monitoring during technical review of proposed development and commercial site plans. We provide both bike lanes and shared use trails to support bicycle use for all skill levels and ages. In addition, we have developed a Bicycle and Pedestrian plan, adopted the Sarasota County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and continue to work with volunteer groups such as Bike/Walk Venice and Friends of Legacy Trail that provide recommendations for upgrades to our bicycle and pedestrian network to encourage use and safety. We serve on the Sarasota County Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board and the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Organization (MPO) Bike/Ped Advisory Board and Technical Advisory Board. The City of Venice Parks and Recreation Board serves as our local Bike/Ped Advisory Board and updates are provided to them regularly.

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Q16: Does your jurisdiction prioritize the support and maintenance of a network of walking trails or routes (e.g., establish a program to identify and fill connection gaps and make repairs in the system of sidewalks)? Provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

Yes (please provide a brief description no more than 150 words)

The City prioritizes and completes maintenance and construction projects to improve the performance and function of our system. Recently, our entire road network including sidewalks, bike lanes and signs was comprehensively inventoried and a formal assessment of the condition of the facilities were completed. This information in addition to aerial evaluation, field inspections and input from the public and local volunteer organizations was used to develop a sidewalk gap and bike lane/multi-use path program that is in the 3rd year of implementation. Annual appropriations are made in the budget to upgrade ADA facilities, construct sidewalks and bike lanes and fill in sidewalk gaps. Sharrows have also been added to many streets to enhance safety and encourage on-road use in areas with low speed limits and limited traffic. We have hired a bicycle pedestrian coordinator who conducts field inspections by walking or riding a bicycle to evaluate first-hand the effectiveness of our program and any needed repairs or upgrades. We have also implemented See-Click-Fix which is an app for smart phones that allows users of our facilities to take a picture and immediately submit any needed items for evaluation or repair. Multi-use trails are being installed or widened sidewalks in areas where there is insufficient road width to allow bike lanes especially in areas where there are larger inter-community bike paths. This past year saw significant progress as a bridge was completed that allows connection between Sarasota, Venice and Northport with plans to continue to upgrade the West Coast Trail System to ultimately provide trail connection from Naples to Tampa and other regions across the state and the country.

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Q17: Does your jurisdiction support and maintain bicycling routes that are connected and lead to destinations such as markets, commercial uses, and residences (e.g., a program to identify potholes and other hazards and repave bike lanes when necessary)? Provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

Yes (please provide a brief description no more than 150 words)

The City of Venice is designated as a Silver Award Bicycle Friendly Community due to our many bike/ped enhancement through-out the city and region. Ample bike parking is provided through-out the city. Recreational riders are able to visit several festivals, shopping centers and markets in their travels as well as the everyday commuter in many cases through the use of the Venetian Waterway Trail or Legacy Trail. Multi-use trails are maintained through the combined efforts of Sarasota County through an interlocal agreement and the City of Venice. These routes combined with bike lanes and sharrows provide access to downtown shopping, restaurants and festivals, the local performing arts theaters, library, museum, beaches and many other parks/recreational facilities. The combined effort of staff and volunteer inspectors of the trails provide regular updates of needed repairs in addition to the routine maintenance performed. SeeClickFix is a new smart phone app that now allows the public to take a picture of any needed maintenance or upgrade item and immediately report the problem for incorporation into our work order system. In addition, annual inspection by staff and volunteer groups identify projects to upgrade facilities or construct new facilities in areas with deficiencies.

Q18: Does your jurisdiction maintain a system of parks (e.g., a program to repair, maintain, and upgrade existing parks)? If so, what percentage provides active facilities like ball fields, exercise equipment, and playgrounds? Provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

Yes (please provide a brief description no more than 150 words)

The City of Venice maintains a system of 37 parks of various types and sizes. The City contracts with Sarasota County to operate and maintain 12 of these facilities. The City is responsible for all major capital improvements and replacements in the parks. Three of the parks are sports complexes, eight provide direct access to the beach, two provide boat access to the Intra-coastal Waterway and one to the Myakka River. Ten city parks have children's playgrounds and one has an inter-active fountain. The Venetian Waterway Park provides a biking/jogging trail along both sides of the Intra-coastal Waterway. The Pinebrook Park Fitness and Nature Trail provides 20 fitness stations along a wooded jogging path.

Q19: Does your jurisdiction incorporate zoning and building standards to allow mixed land use where appropriate? Provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

Yes (please provide a brief description no more than 150 words)

We do have a few zoning designations that provide for mixed use and we have one specific designation of Commercial, Mixed Use (CMU) that requires a minimum of three different uses. Our proposed Comprehensive Plan Update provides a significant increase in opportunity for mixed use.

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Q20: Does your jurisdiction enhance access to public transportation (e.g., bus stops and stations, van pool services) within reasonable walking distance (1/2-mile radius) from most residential areas? (In a rural context, this includes park and ride facilities, van pool, and/or car pool activities). Provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

Yes (please provide a brief description no more than 150 words)
Sarasota County Area Transportation provide regular route busses with stops that are readily available through-out with connections to the Venice Train Depot that provides direct connection to the Legacy Trail and Venetian Waterway Trail multi-use paths that connect and bus transportation through-out the county and adjoining communities. In addition, call for service busses with point to point service are available for passengers needing additional assistance. The areas along the bus routes are well lit, clean and secure. Bus shelters are being installed equipment with benches, bike racks, ADA access and cover from weather elements. A new "Island Loop" and other modified bus routes are being prepared for implementation that will also provide shorter wait and route circulators from residential areas to commerce centers. A seasonal trolley has also been recently started during the winter season while the public bus routes are upgraded and enhanced.

Q21: Has your jurisdiction adopted street sign standards that slow traffic (e.g., road diets, narrow road lanes, central islands, roundabouts, speed bumps, lower speed limits, sidewalks, and bus stops separated from traffic) and improve safety, to enable residents to be physically active? Provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

Yes (please provide a brief description no more than 150 words)
The City has completed many improvements to slow traffic and improve safety for bicyclist and pedestrians. US 41 Bypass is being completely reconstructed to have 7' buffered bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides, US 41 Business has had the lanes narrowed to slow traffic and to sufficient width to install bike lanes. On many streets, we have updated striping to narrow travel lanes and add bike lanes or install sharrows to improve safety. Our regulations encourage safety and circulation patterns to encourage walking and bike riding and provide required sections for public and private roads including bike lanes and sidewalks where appropriate. In addition, we have added many multi-use trail including a large pedestrian overpass funded with FDOT MPO funds to allow the multi-use trail, Legacy Trail, that provides connection from Venice to Sarasota to avoid crossing busy US 41 Bypass. Countdown pedestrian signals enhance safety and encourage pedestrian use.

Q22: Has your jurisdiction adopted strategies to enhance personal safety (e.g., neighborhood crime watch, people-scale street lights) in areas where people are or could be physically active? Provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

Yes (please provide a brief description no more than 150 words)
The areas designated for physical activity after dark such as, baseball, softball and soccer fields as well as tennis, basketball and pickleball courts are well lit to enhance personal safety.

Q23: Does your jurisdiction have a process for engaging communities experiencing health inequities in planning efforts related to community development and transportation projects (e.g., Protocol for Assessing Community Excellence in Environmental Health (PACE EH) or Health Impact Assessments (HIA)? Provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

N/A

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Q24: Is increasing access to physical activity addressed in your jurisdiction's Comprehensive/Master Plan? Please provide a link to your plan and the page number(s) or enter N/A for "No action at this time." Please also note if your Comprehensive/Master Plan includes a Complete Streets approach.

Yes (please provide a brief description no more than 150 words)
Our Comprehensive Plan does not specifically address this item, however, multiple policies exist related to multi-modal transportation which includes encouragement of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The city has an adopted level of service standard of seven acres of parkland for each 1,000 population. Our proposed Comprehensive Plan Update will include policies on complete streets.

Q25: Has your jurisdiction implemented any other policy that promotes or supports physical activity (e.g., shared use agreement with the school district)? Provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

Yes (please provide a brief description no more than 150 words)
The city was a large contributor to the construction of the Venice Performing Arts Center located on the newly built Venice High School campus. In addition, the interlocal agreement between the city and the school district does encourage the shared use of facilities such as playgrounds, playfields and athletic courts.

PAGE 4: Nutrition - Best Practice Questions

Q26: Does your jurisdiction provide incentives (e.g., expedited permit fees or tax breaks) to food retailers in under-served areas to carry healthy, affordable food items? Provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

N/A

Q27: Does your jurisdiction provide incentive programs to attract supermarket and grocery stores to underserved neighborhoods (e.g., brownfield redevelopment or other loans or grants to cover start-up and investment costs, economic development programs, supportive zoning)? Provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

N/A

Q28: Does your jurisdiction allow zoning for mobile produce cart vending (selling only whole, uncut fresh fruits and vegetables) or sidewalk produce vendors? This does not include restaurant type food trucks. Provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

N/A

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Q29: Does your jurisdiction encourage community garden initiatives (e.g., grants providing vacant lots or other public lands for use by public or private organizations, supportive zoning)? Provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

Yes (please provide a brief description no more than 150 words)
Although the City does not have any supported community gardens, a local organic grocery store houses a community garden and the Venice Area Garden Club and Venice Area Beautification Inc. are both non-profit organizations that build demonstration gardens with plant signage to help residents identify Florida Friendly vegetation and they conduct many beautification project including providing maintenance. The City of Venice has an award recipient the past few years from America In Bloom for our numerous beautification projects including the transformation of a Wastewater Treatment Plan into a park with a multi-use trail and the transformation of a concrete manufacturing plant into a park with shoreline restoration and kayak/canoe launch and multi-use trail.

Q30: Does your jurisdiction locate public transportation stops, trails, green-ways, or sidewalks that connect residents to opportunities to purchase healthy food (including retailers, farmers markets, and community gardens) easily and affordably? Provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

Yes (please provide a brief description no more than 150 words)
The county public transportation system (SCAT) has stops at or close to farmers market and other healthy food venues. These locations are also accessible using sidewalks and bike trails/paths.

Q31: Does your jurisdiction provide equitable access to farmers markets by locating farmers markets in low-income access areas, or by implementing federal food assistance programs (e.g., SNAP/EBT)? Provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

Yes (please provide a brief description no more than 150 words)
The Farmers Market is centrally located with easy access by walking, bike or public transportation. There is a SNAP/EBT booth at the market.

Q32: Does your jurisdiction promote farmers markets, farm/produce stands, mobile markets, and community gardens as venues for healthy foods? Provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

Yes (please provide a brief description no more than 150 words)
The weekly Farmers Market is centrally located with easy access by walking, bike or public transportation. The market is promoted on the City Website and newsletter.

Q33: Does your jurisdiction provide healthy food and beverage options at government office vending machines or at concession stands located at parks and/or recreational facilities? Provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

Yes (please provide a brief description no more than 150 words)
Not at this time but Healthy Vending Machine options are currently being researched.

Q34: Does your jurisdiction provide healthy food and beverage options at city/county sponsored events? Provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

Yes (please provide a brief description no more than 150 words)
Yes, We host a city employee Healthy Luncheon and City Health Fair which promotes healthy food and beverage options and nutritional education.

Q35: Has your jurisdiction adopted strategies that limit fast-food restaurant density? Provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

N/A

Q36: Does your jurisdiction promote and support breastfeeding in public places? Provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

N/A

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Q37: Does your jurisdiction's Comprehensive/Master Plan address increasing access to nutritious foods? Please provide a link to your plan and the page number(s) or enter N/A for "No action at this time." N/A

Q38: Has your jurisdiction implemented any other policy that promotes or supports healthy nutrition? Provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time." N/A

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Q39: Does your jurisdiction participate in any of the following?

School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)	Not Sure
Community Health Improvement Plan	Not Sure
Mobilizing Action Through Planning Partnerships (MAPP)	Not Sure
Mayor's Fitness Challenge	Not Sure
Adoption of a proclamation related to Healthy Weight Community Champions	Not Sure

Q40: Has your jurisdiction adopted or have plans to adopt a Health Element for your Comprehensive/Master Plan? N/A

Q41: Has your jurisdiction participated in any other health planning related to increased physical activity and improved nutrition? Please list them below and provide a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."	Yes (please provide a brief description no more than 150 words) A sponsored monthly bike ride. There is free yoga on Venice Beach daily. Walk for Life, many 5k events and summer beach runs for kids.
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PAGE 6: Other Awards, Recognitions, and Designations

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Q42: Does your jurisdiction have any of the following?

Walk Friendly Community Designation	Yes
Bicycle Friendly Community Designation	Yes
American Planning Association Award	Not Sure
AARP Age-Friendly Community	Yes
EPA's Building Healthy Communities for Active Aging Award	Not Sure
LEED Certified Building or Neighborhoods	Yes
Alliance for Healthy Cities Recognition Award	No
STAR Community for Sustainability Rating	Not Sure
Gold Medal for Excellence in Parks	No
Florida Breastfeeding Coalition Quest for Quality Maternity Care Award	No
Baby Friendly Hospital Recognition	No
Recognition of Child Care/Early Care and Education Centers for meeting Physical Activity and Nutrition Standards (Nemours Let's Move Childcard Program)	No
Healthier U.S. Schools Challenge Certification	Not Sure
Healthy School District Award	Not Sure
Completed the CDC Worksite Health Scorecard	No
Promote the Million Heart Campaign	No
American Diabetes Association recognized or American Association of Diabetes Educators Accredited Diabetes Self-Management Education Programs	No
CDC recognized Diabetes Prevention Lifestyle Change Programs	No

Q43: Has your jurisdiction received any other award, recognition, or designation related to increased physical activity and improved nutrition? Please list them in this section with a brief description or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

N/A

PAGE 7: Health Promotion and Continuous Improvement

Q44: Identify at least one activity, program or policy you will be or would like to be working on within the next year to improve the health of your residents. It can be an activity, program or policy mentioned in this submission form, or something of your choosing. Describe your choice in the box below, no more than 150 words.

In 2017 The City of Venice plans on completing the CDC Worksite Health Scorecard as well as making application to become a designated Healthy Sarasota County Worksite.