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Fremont named a Bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists
City plans to get even more bike friendly

Fremont, Calif. –May 14, 2019– Today, the League of American Bicyclists recognized Fremont with a Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) award, joining 475 communities across the country in building better places for people to bike. With today’s announcement of 39 new and renewing BFCs, Fremont joins a team of communities that are transforming the American landscape and leading on livability measurements important to community members.

“We applaud communities like Fremont for making bicycling a safe, comfortable, and convenient option for transportation and recreation,” said Bill Nesper, Executive Director of the League of American Bicyclists. “We are inspired by 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 public health and safety challenges faced at both the community and national levels.”

The League of American Bicyclists’ Bicycle Friendly America program sets the standard for how communities evaluate their quality of life, sustainability, and accessibility, while allowing them to benchmark progress toward making biking better. With this latest round of new and renewing awardees, there are currently 475 Bicycle Friendly Communities in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The Bronze BFC award recognizes Fremont’s commitment to improving conditions for bicycling through investments in bike infrastructure, education programs, and promoting and encouraging bicycling through events and pro-bicycling policies.

“Fremont has made a strong commitment to bicycling through developing a Bicycle Master Plan that envisions a network of bicycle facilities suitable for cyclists of all ages and abilities and is rapidly pursuing implementation of this plan,” said Ken Wu, Co-Chair of the City of Fremont’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Committee (BPTAC).

Melissa Avery, Co-Chair of the City’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Committee added, “Fremont’s conversion of its arterial roadways to safe and complete streets with high quality bicycle lanes reflects its commitment to its Vision Zero traffic safety policy.”

Public Works Director Hans Larsen explained more about Fremont’s plans, “Fremont looks forward to achieving even higher levels of bike friendliness in the near future and has plans to construct 40 more miles of buffered and separated bikeways, 10 protected intersections, and is pursuing three new bike bridges over freeway barriers.”

More than 800 communities have applied for recognition by the Bicycle Friendly Community program, which provides a roadmap to making biking better 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.

The five levels of the BFC award – diamond, platinum, gold, silver, and bronze, plus an honorable mention category – provide a clear incentive for communities to continuously improve. Awarded communities must renew their status every four years to ensure that they not only maintain existing efforts, but also keep up with changing technology, national safety standards, and community-driven best practices.

To learn more about the Bicycle Friendly Community program, visit www.bikeleague.org/community.

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About the League of American Bicyclists

The League of American Bicyclists leads the national movement to create a Bicycle Friendly America for everyone. With a history dating to 1880, the League is committed to engaging diverse communities and building a powerful, unified voice for change around protecting and promoting bicyclists’ rights. Learn more at www.bikeleague.org.

About Fremont’s Bicycle Master Plan

In July 2018, the Fremont City Council unanimously approved a new 5-year master plan to implement a safe, convenient, connected, and comfortable citywide bicycling network for people of all ages and abilities who live, work and visit Fremont. The plan promotes the use of best practices and innovative but tested bicycle designs like buffered bike lanes, physically separated bikeways, protected intersections, and trails. Learn more at www.Fremont.gov/BikeMasterPlan.