



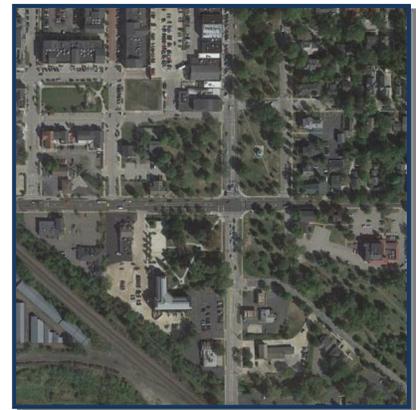
## Bike Friendly America Application

### Engineering

The following is provided as additional information to supplement the application

**Complete Streets:** The City of Hudson Council, in partnership with Pedal Hudson, adopted a complete Streets resolution in 2016. The adoption is a significant commitment to the complete streets principles but also formalizes the policies already occurring related the city development regulations and commitment to bike and pedestrian accommodations within infrastructure projects. Hudson’s resolution is the first complete streets initiative with AMATS, the local metropolitan planning organization.

**Street Network:** There is little need to pursue road diets as the City of Hudson has been a strong advocate in maintaining limited vehicular travel lanes to maintain the pedestrian, historic scale to the 200 year old community. The downtown crossroads intersection contains 30,000+ADT; however, maintains an accessible scale. The adopted zoning regulations state the downtown street network must maintain a single travel lane in each direction. Of the 182 miles of local roadway within the community, less than ten miles are greater than a sign travel lane or have speed limits in excess of 35 mph.



**Development Standards:** The City of Hudson development standards provide many beneficial regulations including bike accommodations, trail and greenspace requirements, pedestrian scaled development with limited curb cuts, and sidewalk connections from entrance to public right of way.



**Metro Transit:** Metro RTA, serving greater Akron including Hudson, provides Bicycle racks on every transit bus within the system and attends community events to highlight the benefits of “pedal to metal” accommodations.

**Bike trails/infrastructure:** The City of Hudson continues to invest in street infrastructure including bike lanes along all arterials streets.

Hudson contains more miles of dedicated bike lanes than any other community within AMATS, the local metropolitan planning organization. Additionally, Hudson is aggressively adding separated multi-purpose paths along portions Boston Mills Road, Barlow Road, Morse Road, and Nicholson Drive as a combination of city funded projects and private installations required through the city development regulations.





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### Education:

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**Safety Town:** Hudson Kiwanis Safety Town introduces the importance and methods of bike safety to Hudson Children entering kindergarten. Under the guidance of Hudson Police Officers, children practice and experience “real life” situations before being confronted with potentially dangerous situations. The training includes on bike instruction.



**Safe Routes to School:** Safe Routes Hudson is a cooperative program between the City of Hudson, Hudson City Schools, and the community to encourage walking and biking to school for Hudson youth and to increase safe routes to the schools from surrounding neighborhoods. The program conducts a walk/bike to school day in the fall and again in May during National Bike Month. The events are staffed by high school student volunteers and community members. Physical education classes in grades K-8 instruct the students in bike safety and educate them on bike components and basic maintenance.



Hudson High School and Middle School students have created a series of safety videos with k-8<sup>th</sup> grade student actors..

The Safe Routes program also provides online mapping tools and has secured several funding and completed several projects to enhance street crossings and construct new sidewalk connections.

**High School Education:** Physical Education classes include bike riding, and school sponsors drivers Education classes incorporate bicycling traffic laws from the perspective of motorists and cyclist.

**Adult Education:** Pedal Hudson has initiated a spring bike safety and maintenance class to kick off National Bike Month. The program, hosted at All Around Cyclery, included a training session from an LCI instructor from Bike Cleveland followed by a Maintenance Class conducted by All Around Cyclery.



**Community Education:** The City of Hudson and Safe Routes Hudson websites promote bike education and provide community resources to encourage ridership.





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### Encouragement

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**Hudson Velo Club:** Over 100 members, two rides per week with a total of 60 attendees per week, Biketoberfest - Community ride and festival, Participate in charity Velsano event raising \$50,000+ annually



**Akron Bike Club:** Regional club with 360 members including 25+ Hudson residents. Several rides weekly in Hudson, Cuyahoga Valley National Park and adjacent communities. Annual Think Spring event includes a ride through Hudson with attendance of 150 riders.

National Bike Month: Hudson community activities for National Bike month in 2016 included an education and bike maintenance class, weekly rides hosted by local clubs, and a ride of silence hosted by LifeCenter Plus fitness center with an attendance of 50+ riders. Hudson Velo Club, Pedal Hudson, and all around Cyclery partnered to ride in the Memorial Day Parade.



Safe Routes to School: Safe Routes bike to school events in Spring and Fall include 600+ student participants for each event.

Tick Tock Triathlon: Longrunning youth triathlon held each August with 150+ participants

Green on the Green: Fall sustainability festival which was attended by Pedal Hudson to provide information on local trails, assist with bike registrations, award prizes, and distribute traffic/safety rules of the road.



Adventure Cycling Association: Hudson is located along the underground railroad cross county route from Alabama to Ontario.

Bike and Brainstorm: Community ride in partnership with AMATS (Akron Metro Area Transportation study). Event included 30+ attendees participating in an on-road bike ride around the City to observe conditions and then discuss ideas related to bike safety, infrastructure, and connectivity as city was working on the 2016 City Comprehensive Plan.





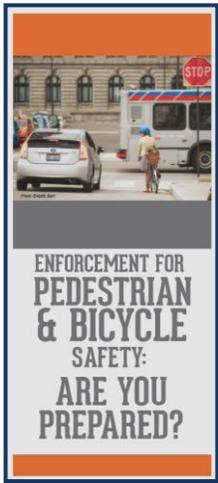
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The Hudson Police Department currently has fifteen Bike Patrol Officers, approximately half of the department. The Police Department is actively involved in the community Safety Town Program. A good portion of the program is spent on bike riding and bike safety, including an obstacle course ride. Approximately 250 children enroll in the Safety Town Program each year.

Officers promote good bike riding practices when they see riders wearing helmets and following safe biking techniques by giving away gift certificates donated by local businesses. Our local businesses provide incentives like free ice cream cones and other items that our officers can present to the individuals we see while out on our daily patrols.



The “Ride your bike to school day” program encourages kids to ride bikes to school. Officers are actively out on bikes to assist the riders across busy intersections and to slow traffic on the roadways.

Hudson residents may register bicycles they own with the Police Department to assist with recovery if lost and/or stolen. The Police Department provides a unique identifier sticker for mounting on the bike.

Several officers attended a recent training seminar in 2016 hosted by Bike Cleveland regarding the updated bicycle laws in Ohio and enforcement practices. This information was then brought to the attention of the entire police department so that all officers are up-to-date on the most recent bike laws.

Hudson officers also talk with neighborhood groups on a regular basis. During these talks, the encourage bike riding and answer many questions about Ohio bike laws.



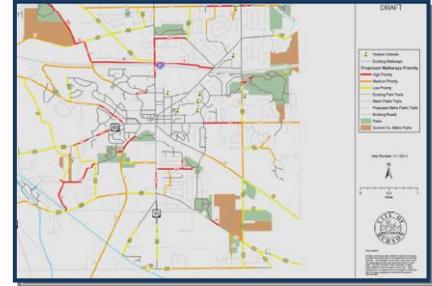


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### Evaluation and Planning

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**Connectivity Plan:** The City has completed and is currently implementing a connectivity plan. The plan mapped every missing sidewalk and trail connection within the community with priorities assigned based on numerous criteria. The City Council has formally committed \$100,000 a year in budget funds, is aggressively targeting grant funding, and has started the process to place a ballot issue in 2016 to generate further infrastructure funds.



**Pedal Hudson:** Perhaps the greatest accomplishments over the past few years to advance planning efforts was the establishment of Pedal Hudson, Hudson's bike advisory committee. The organization's mission is to advance biking in the community and to achieve bronze designation from the American League of Cyclists. Pedal Hudson has worked to support existing community efforts and institute new programs. Pedal Hudson has met monthly with a large group of stakeholders to advance the following:

- Hudson Bike User Map including visioning workshop
- Adult Education and Bike Maintenance Class during National Bike Month
- Attendance at Green on the Green Environmental sustainability festival
- Worked with City of Hudson to adopt a Complete Streets resolution for the community
- Lead the application effort for Bike Friendly Community Program
- Partnered with CAMBA (Cleveland Area Mountain Bike Assoc.) to complete a site feasibility study of several city parks for establishment of single track trails
- Bike rack audit of all public facilities in the community to determine locations in need.

**Bike and Brainstorm:** As part of the 2016 City Comprehensive Plan, a public ride/workshop with AMATS (regional MPO) was conducted. The eight mile ride was followed with a workshop to discuss observations and plan for infrastructure, safety enhancements, and increased connectivity.

<http://switching-gears.org/information/bike-n-brainstorm>

**Connecting Communities:** City of Hudson received grant funding from AMATS to complete a preliminary design of the Veterans trail through downtown Hudson. The trailway will be designed as a linear greenway to encourage ridership, create a link from downtown Hudson to the regional bike network, and encourage trail oriented development and amenities.

**Training:** Several City staff have attended conferences and continuing education certification sessions in 2016 related to infrastructure, planning, and trail maintenance.

**Cycles For Christ:** Hudson Presbyterian Church program accepts donations of used bikes, refurbishes them, and donates to families in need. In 2015, 400+ bikes and 330+ helmets were distributed.

