

# LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS



Bicycle Friendly Community Application

## Name of Community

\* Name of Community

**Oxford**

\* State

**Mississippi**

\* Mayor or top elected official

**George (Pat) Patterson, Mayor**

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## Applicant Profile

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\* State

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## Community Profile

The data in this section is gathered by the U.S. census. Click [here](#) to find the most recent information on your community.

\* 1. Type of Jurisdiction

**Town/City/Municipality**

**County**

**Metropolitan Planning Organization or Council of Governments**

**Regional Planning Organization**

**Rural Planning Organization**

**Indian Nation**

**Other**

If other, describe

\* 2. Population

**18916**

3. Square milage of community

\* Total area

**16.67**

\* Water area

**0.6**

\* Land area

**16.67**

\* 4. Population Density

**1194**

5. Climate

- \* Average temperature for January  
**41**
- \* Average temperature for April  
**61**
- \* Average temperature for July  
**81**
- \* Average temperature for October  
**62**
- \* Average precipitation for January  
**4.8**
- \* Average precipitation for April  
**5.4**
- \* Average precipitation for July  
**4.2**
- \* Average precipitation for October  
**4.6**

\* 6. Median Household Income  
**32326**

7. Age distribution

- \* % under 5  
**5.1**
- \* % age 6-17  
**10.4**
- \* % age 18-64  
**74.0**
- \* % age 65+  
**10.5**
- \* Totals  
**100**

8. Race

- \* % White  
**72.3**
- \* % Black or African American  
**21.8**
- \* % American Indian and Alaskan Native  
**0.3**
- \* % Asian  
**3.3**
- \* % Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander  
**0.1**
- \* % Some other race  
**0.1**
- \* % One race  
**97.89999999999998**
- \* % Two or more races  
**2.1**
- \* Totals  
**99.99999999999997**
- \* % Hispanic or Latino (of any race)  
**2.5**

\* 9. What is the name of your community's bicycle program manager?

**Tim Akers**

\* 10. In which department does your bicycle program manager work?

- Engineering/public works**
- Planning**
- Parks and Recreation**
- Transportation**
- Other**

If other, describe

\* 11. Are you the Bicycle Program Manager?

- Yes**
- No**

\* Bicycle Program Manager Phone

**(662) 232-2305**

\* Bicycle Program Manager Email

**takers@oxfordms.net**

\* 12. What percentage of the community's Bicycle Program Manager's time is spent on bicycling issues?

- 10% or less**
- 10-25%**
- 25-50%**
- 50-75%**

75-100%

\* 13. How many government employees, expressed in full-time equivalents, work on bicycle issues in your community?

<sup>1</sup>  
\* 14. Do you have a [Bicycle Advisory Committee](#)

Yes

No

\* 14a. How often does it meet?

Monthly

Every two months

Quarterly

Annually

Other (describe)

If other, describe

\* 14b. How many members serve on the committee?

<sup>7</sup>  
\* 14c. Which of the following groups are represented or regularly attend the Bicycle Advisory Committee?

User group

Law enforcement

Chamber of commerce

Public health

Planning department

Transportation department

School board

Parks department

Recreation department

Transit agency

Other (describe)

If other, describe

\* 14d. Name of Bicycle Advisory Committee Chair

**Michael Mossing**

\* Email of Bicycle Advisory Committee Chair

**mmossing@gmail.com**

\* 15. Is there a bicycle advocacy group(s) in your community?

Yes

No

15a. What is the name of the advocacy group(s) (if more than one, list them all)

**Lafayette Oxford University Pathways Oxford Cycling Club Bike Walk Mississippi (State organization) Safe Routes to Schools State Network (State organization)**

\* 15b. Are any of them working with you on this application?

Yes

No

\* 15c. List the name of the primary group:

**Oxford Cycling Club**

\* 15d. Does this group have paid staff?

Yes

No

\* 15e. Do you contract with this group for any services or programs?

Yes

No

\* 15f. Who is the primary contact for them?

**Jason Finch**

\* 15g. Email of primary contact of advocacy group  
**gammascalper@yahoo.com**

\* 16. What are the primary reasons your community has invested in bicycling?

Improved quality of life

Improving public health

Community connectivity

Transportation options

Climate change concerns

Decrease traffic congestion

Increase tourism

Increase property values

Cooperation with adjacent communities

Public demand

Economic development

Traffic safety

Other (describe)

If other, describe

17. What was your community's most significant investment for bicycling in the past year?

**The city completed bike lanes on Anderson and Anchorage Roads (approx. \$3.1 million). A safe routes to school infrastructure project provided traffic calming improvements on Washington Avenue, at the intersection of the Oxford Depot Rail-Trail, near a high traffic area for kids including the Boys and Girls Club, Oxford Middle School and Oxford City Pool. Two Transportation Enhancement projects totaling 3.4 million dollars were awarded to Oxford in 2011. \$400,000 project to add walking/biking trails and BMX track at FNC Park (soccer, baseball fields complex) will be completed in Feb. 2012.**

18. What specific improvements do you have planned for bicycling in the following year?

**The second TE (\$3,000,000) project to add 11.25 miles of bike lanes, and routes in and around Oxford. Construction will begin in March 2012. The Oxford School District has cleared the site for a new High School at the end of Sisk Avenue. Approximately 600 yards of dedicated cycle track has already been extended to the site. This adds to 500 yards previously installed near Della Davidson Elementary School on Sisk. This summer the city will install bike lanes to connect DDES and the new OHS to Bramlett Avenue, one of the streets include in the new city network.**

## Engineering

19. Does your community have

a [complete streets policy](#)?

a bicycle accommodation policy (a policy that requires the accommodation of cyclists in all new road construction and reconstruction and resurfacing)?

Neither

19a. When was it adopted

2011

19b. Provide a link or attach a copy of this legislation or policy.

<http://www.loupathways.org/documents/CompleteStreetsResolutionOxfordMS2011.doc>

19c. How was it adopted?

Legislation

Resolution

Internal Policy

Other

If other, describe

19d. What tools are in place to ensure implementation?

**Implementation Guidance**

**Design**

**Manual**

**Training**

**Other**

If other, describe

20. How do you ensure your engineers and planners accommodate cyclists according to [AASHTO](#) and [MUTCD](#) standards?

**Training**

Offer [FHWA/NHI Training Course](#)

**Hire Outside consultants to train staff**

Send staff to [bicycle-specific conferences/training](#)

**Require project consultants to have bike/ped qualifications**

**Internal training or [design manual](#)**

20a. Describe each checked

**Michael Moule and Michael Ronkin were hired in 2008 (just after Oxford's last BFC application was submitted). Their report "Oxford Mississippi: Creating a Walkable, Bikeable Community Through Complete Streets" has guided city engineers in the years since.**

\* 21. What percentage of bridges and tunnels in your community are accessible to bicyclists?

**100**

21a. What are the exceptions?

\* 22. How do you ensure there are end-of-trip facilities for bicyclists?

**Bike parking ordinance**

**Bike parking ordinance for all new developments**

**Ordinance requiring showers and lockers**

**Building accessibility ordinance**

**On street bike parking**

[Ordinance that allows bike parking to substitute for car parking](#)

**Standards for bicycle parking that conform to [APBP guidelines](#)**

**Other**

If other, describe

23. How many bike parking spaces are there in your community?

23a. Bike racks

**30**

23b. Bike lockers

**0**

23c. Bike depot (i.e. [Bikestation](#))

**0**

23d. In-street bike parking

**0**

24. Approximately what percentage of these locations have bike racks or storage units?

24a. Schools

**91-100%**

24b. Libraries

**91-100%**

24c. Transit Stations

**91-100%**

24d. Parks & Recreation Centers

**61-75%**

24e. Government buildings

**91-100%**

24f. Office buildings

**16-30%**

24g. Shops

**less than 15%**

24h. Public Housing

**16-30%**

\* 25. Does your community have transit service?

**Yes**

**No**

\* 25a. Are buses equipped with [bike racks](#)?

**Yes**

**No**

25b. What percentage?

**91-100%**

25c. Are bikes allowed inside transit vehicles?

**Yes**

**Sometimes**

**No**

If yes or sometimes, describe

**Bikes are permitted if not disruptive to other passengers or service.**

\* 26. What is the mileage of your total road network?

**98**

\* 27. What is the mileage of your total shared-use path network?

**8**

28. List your current and planned bicycle accommodations?

a. [Bike lanes](#)

Current Miles

**6**

Planned Miles

**10**

b. [Shared lane markings](#)

Current Miles

**0**

Planned Miles

**3**

c. [Bike boulevards](#)

Current Miles

**0**

Planned Miles

**0**

d. Signed bike routes

Current Miles

**1**

Planned Miles

e. Paved shared use paths

Current Miles

**8**

Planned Miles

**0**

f. Natural surface shared use paths

Current Miles

**4**

Planned Miles

**0**

g. [Singletrack](#)

Current Miles

**20**

Planned Miles

**2**

\* 29. What other innovative ways have you improved on-road conditions for bicyclists?

[Road diets](#)

[Area wide traffic calming](#)

[Cycle tracks](#)

[Contra-flow bike lanes](#)

**Speed limits 20 mph or less on residential streets**

**Bike cut thru**

**Way-finding signage with distance and/or time information**

**None**

**Other**

If other, describe

**City and county have adopted a Safe Passing Ordinance on public roads. . Share the Road Signage has been ordered and will be installed around the city to reinforce the new regulations.**

\* 30. What percentage of arterial streets have bike lanes or paved shoulders?

**10**

\* 31. What percentage of natural surface, trails and singletrack are open to bicyclists?

**100**

31a. What are the exceptions?

32. What maintenance policies or programs ensure *bike lanes* and *shoulders* remain usable and safe?

\* 32a. Street sweeping

**More than other travel lanes**

**Same as other travel lanes**

**Weekly**

**Monthly**

**Quarterly**

**Annually**

**Never**

**Other**

If other, describe

\* 32b. Snow clearance

**Before other travel lanes**

**Same time as other travel lanes**

**Within 48 hours of storm**

**Never**

**Other**

**Not applicable**

If other, describe

\* 32c. Pothole maintenance

**Within 24 hours of complaint**

**Within one week of complaint**

**Within one month of complaint**

**Never**

**Other**

If other, describe

32d. Other Maintenance policies or programs for bike lanes and shoulders (describe)

33. What maintenance policies or programs ensure *shared-use paths* remain safe and usable?

\* 33a. Path sweeping

**Weekly**

**Monthly**

**Quarterly**

**Annually**

**Never**

**Other**

If other, describe  
\* 33b. Vegetation maintenance

**Weekly**

**Monthly**

**Quarterly**

**Annually**

**Never**

**Other**

If other, describe  
\* 33c. Snow clearance

**Before roadways**

**Same time as roadways**

**Within 48 hours of storm**

**Never**

**Other**

**Not applicable**

If other, describe  
\* 33d. Surface repair

**Within 24 hours of complaint**

**Within one week of complaint**

**Within one month of complaint**

**Never**

**Other**

If other, describe  
33e. Other Maintenance policies or programs for shared-use paths (describe)

\* 34. How do you accommodate cyclists at intersections in your community?

**All /Most signals are timed for bicyclists**

**All /Most signals are timed**

[Loop detector markings](#)

[Video detection](#)

[Advance stop line or Bike Box](#)

[Bicycle signal heads](#)

**Other**

**None of the above**

If other, describe  
\* 35. Are there other infrastructure improvements in your community to promote bicycling?

**Yes**

**No**

If yes, describe

**Speed humps, traffic calming, pedestrian refuge islands at Rail Trail crossing near Oxford Middle School, Boys and Girls Club, City Swimming Pool, Stone Park - Constructed as Safe Routes to Schools infrastructure project in 2011. Pedestrian island constructed by city on Molly Barr Rail to Trail crossing and partially funded by developer of student housing complex**

## Education

\* 36. Do schools in your community offer a [Safe Routes to School](#) (or comparable) program that includes bicycling education?

**Yes**

**No**

What percentage of schools in your jurisdiction participates?

a. Elementary (percentage)

**33**

b. Middle School (percentage)

**100**

c. High School (percentage)

**0**

\* 37. Outside of schools, how are children taught safe bicycling skills?

**Youth bike clubs**

[Bike clinics or rodeos](#)

**Youth recreation programs**

**Helmet fit seminars**

[Safety town](#)

**Trail riding classes**

**Other**

**None of the above**

If other, describe

\* 38. Do you have a [diversion program](#) for cyclists or motorists?

**Yes**

**No**

If yes, describe

\* 39. What have you done in the last 18 months to educate motorists and bicyclists on sharing the road safely?

**Public service announcements**

**Community newsletter article**

**New resident packet**

**Utility bill insert**

**Bicycle ambassador program**

**Newspaper column/blog on bicycling**

**Dedicated bike page on community Web site**

**Billboards**

**Share the Road Signs**

**Share the road information in driver's education**

**Other**

**None of the above**

If other, describe

40. What of the following options are available on a regular basis to your community?

\* 40a. [Traffic Skills 101](#) (or equivalent) classes -- including classroom and on-bike instruction.

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Annually
- Never
- Other

If other, describe

\* 40b. Cycling Skills classes -- three to four hour classroom training courses

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Annually
- Never
- Other

If other, describe

\* 40c. Commuter classes - one/two hour classes

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Annually
- Never
- Other

If other, describe

\* 41. Has your community hosted a [League Cycling Instructor seminar](#) in the past two years?

- Yes
- No

\* 42. How many [League Cycling Instructors](#) are there in your community?

5

43. List active League Cycling Instructors (active means they have taught at least one class during the past 12 months).

**Michael Mossing Roger Kuhnle**

44. Does your community have driver training for any of the following professional drivers that include information on sharing the road with cyclists?

- City staff
- Taxi drivers
- Transit operators
- School bus operators
- Delivery drivers
- Other

\* If other, describe

\* 44a. If yes to any of the above, describe the program.

\* 45. Describe any efforts your community has made to ensure your education programs reach traditionally underserved populations.

**Local LCIs visit Summer Day Camps run by the Oxford Park Commission and by the Oxford Fire Department. Campers bring their bikes and get helmets if needed, safe cycling drills and ABC-quick check skills. Parents also receive RWJ Bicycle Safety Pamphlet: "What every parent should know".**

\* 46. Are there other education efforts in your community to promote bicycling?

- Yes

No

\* 46a. If yes, describe

**Students at Della Davidson Elementary (4th-5th grade) school have participated in the "Go-Jim-Go" fundraiser for a Memphis LeBonheur Children's hospital. Students collect pledges and ride laps on the mixed use paths at Lamar Park. Prior to the event LCIs held a bike skills clinic/tune-up session for students. All students at the event learn to "ABC-Quick Check" their bikes, helmets are distributed to those who need them, safe cycling skills and brief reminders of courtesy to other path users are presented.**

### Encouragement

\* 47. How do you promote [National Bike Month](#)?

- City Proclamation
- Community Ride
- Mayor-led Ride
- Public Service Announcements
- Publish a guide to Bike Month Events
- Bike Month Web site
- Commuter Challenge
- Commuter Breakfasts
- Trail construction or maintenance day
- Other
- No promotion

\* If other, describe

\* 48. How many people participate in [Bike Month](#) events?

**50**

\* 49. How do you promote bicycling outside of [National Bike Month](#)?

- Community Ride
- Mayor-led Ride
- Public Service Announcements
- Trail construction or maintenance day
- [Summer Streets/Ciclovia/Sunday Parkways](#)
- Commuter Challenge
- Commuter Breakfasts
- Other
- No promotion

\* If other, describe

**Bike light give away to coincide with the end of Daylight savings time. November 2011 Bicycle Safety Month in cooperation with Oxford and University Police. Oxford Endurance Weekend held in August of each year is a professional bike race that had over 500 participants in 2011 with a payout of \$18,500.**

\* 50. Do you actively promote Bike to Work Day or other bicycle commuting incentive programs?

- Yes
- No

\* 50a. If yes, describe

**Bike to Work and Bike to Lunch (from Campus to Oxfords Courthouse square) events have been held annually for the past 5 years.**

\* 50b. Approximately what percentage of the community workforce do you reach?

- less than 15%

\* 51. List the signature cycling events in your community?

**1. Double Decker Spring Ride - 10miles (rail trails mixed use paths) in town to 60 mile "3 Lake Landings" ride on the morning of the annual Double Decker festival 2. Oxford Endurance Weekend. Bicycle road races and multi-sport events. Annual race weekend sponsored by city of Oxford began in August 2010 Annually thereafter. 3. Clear Creek Challenge. MTB race in September. Part of the of the South Central Regional Championship Series**

\* 52. Does the municipality sponsor or actively support any of these rides?

Yes

No

\* 52a. If yes, how?

**The Oxford Endurance Weekend was initiated by City Staff. City staff volunteers provide the core of volunteer support. Oxford and Lafayette county police ensure safety on the roads on racedays. Courthouse Square closed to traffic for the final Sunday morning criterium races.**

\* 53. Does your local tourism board promote bicycling in your area?

Yes

No

\* 53a. If yes, how?

**Oxford Convention and Visitors Bureau provided a \$8,500 grant towards the 2011 Oxford Endurance Weekend.**

\* 54. Are there cycling organizations in your area?

Recreational Bike Clubs

Mountain Bike Clubs

Friends of the Trail Groups

National Mountain Bike Patrol

Racing Clubs or Teams

Bicycle Co-ops

Other

None

\* If other, describe.

\* 54a. For each type of club checked, list names of the organizations.

**Oxford Cycling Club represents recreational road and MTB recreational riders and racers. In fall of 2011 faculty and students at the University of Mississippi started a collegiate cycling club team. A new BMX track is under construction at FNC Park. Construction should be complete in the spring, a USABMX sanctioned races should begin later this year under the direction of the Oxford Park Commission.**

\* 55. How many [specialty bicycle retailers](#) ( i.e shops dedicated primarily to selling bikes and bike-related equipment) are there in your community?

1

\* 55a. List their names.

**Oxford Bicycle Company. Up until 2 months ago Active Oxford was a second full service LBS, but sadly the business closed.**

\* 56. Which of these bicycling areas or facilities do you have in your community?

BMX track

Velodrome

Cyclocross course

Mountain bike park

Pump Tracks

Other

None

\* If other, describe.

\* 57. Is there a skatepark in your community?

Yes

No

\* 57a. If yes, do bikes have access to the skatepark?

Always

Sometimes

Never

\* 58. Are there opportunities to rent bicycles in your community?

Yes

No

\* 59. Does your community have a bike sharing program?

**Yes**

**No**

59a. If yes, of what use is it?

**Public use**

**Private institution**

**Other**

\* If other, describe

\* 60. Do you have any current [Bicycle Friendly Businesses](#) in your community?

**Yes**

**No**

\* 60a. If yes, list the names of the businesses.

\* 61. Does your community have youth recreation and/or intervention programs centered around bicycling?

[Recycle a Bicycle](#)

[Trips for Kids chapter](#)

[Earn a Bike program](#)

**Co-op or Community Cycling Center**

**Other**

**None**

\* If other, describe

\* 62. What mapping and route finding information is available for your community which has been updated in the last 18 months?

**Online route finding service**

**Online map**

**Printed on-road bike-routes map**

**Printed mountain bike trails map**

**Other**

**None available**

\* If other, describe

\* 63. Does your community have other programs or policies to encourage cycling?

**Yes**

**No**

\* 63a. If yes, describe

### [Enforcement](#)

\* 64. How does your police department interact with the local cycling community?

**A police officer is an active member of bicycle advisory committee**

**Identified law-enforcement point person to interact with cyclists**

**No current formal interaction**

**Other**

\* If other, describe

\* 65. What kind of training is offered to police officers regarding traffic law as it applies to bicyclists?

**Basic academy training**

[International Police Mountain Bike Association](#) or **Law Enforcement Bicycle Association training**

[National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Law Enforcement Training](#)

Completion of [Smart Cycling course](#) by Police

Presentation by League Cycling Instructor or local cyclist

Institute for Police Training and Development bicycle training

Other

No training currently offered

\* If other, describe

\* 66. What enforcement campaigns are targeted at improving cyclist safety?

Helmet/light giveaways

Targeting motorist infractions

Targeting cyclist infractions

Share the road campaigns

Other

None of the above

\* If other, describe

\* 67. Do you have police department employees on bikes?

Yes

No

\* 67a. If yes, what percentage of police department employees is on bike?

5

\* 68. Are there any other public safety (e.g. fire department or EMS) employees on bikes?

Yes

No

\* 68a. If yes, what percentage of safety department employees is on bike?

\* 69. Do your local ordinances treat bicyclists [equitably](#)? (examples can be found on the [BFC resources page](#)).

There are specific penalties for failing to yield to a cyclist when turning. It is illegal to park or drive in a bike lane (intersections excepted)

There are penalties for motor vehicle users that 'door' cyclists

There is a ban on cell phone use while driving.

There is a ban on texting while driving.

The community uses photo enforcement for red lights and/or speed

There is a state or local law that requires cyclists to use sidepaths regardless of their usability.

There is a state or local law that requires cyclists to use bike lanes where they are provided.

Cyclists are required to ride as far to the right of the road as practicable without exceptions listed in [Uniform Vehicle Code](#).

There is a general restriction on bicyclists riding on the sidewalk.

There are local or school policies that restrict youths from riding to school.

None of the above

Additional information on any of the above mentioned ordinances as it pertains to your community.

\* If Additional Information, describe

\* 70. Are there any additional prohibitions or restrictions on cyclists in your community?

Yes

No

- \* 70a. If yes, describe  
\* 71. Does your community have other programs or policies to enforce safe cycling?

Yes

No

- \* 71a. If yes, describe  
**The city adopted a "Safe Passing" Ordinance in 2010 that advises drivers to use due care in accommodating cyclists or other slow moving road user: - passing distance of at least three feet if the vehicle is a passenger car or truck, and a distance of six feet if the vehicle is a commercial vehicle. - A driver shall vacate the lane in which the person is traveling if the road has two or more marked lanes running in the same direction. - A driver shall not maneuver the vehicle in any manner that is intended to intimidate, harass, or threaten a pedestrian or bicyclist.**

## Evaluation and Planning

- \* 72. What is the most current journey-to-work data for your community? (this percentage can be found in the [U.S. Census or the American Community Survey](#))

1.3

- \* 73. What additional information do you have on bicycle use for your community?  
**Annual Bike and Pedestrian Counts have taken place since 2009 using the methods recommended by the National Bicycle & Pedestrian Documentation Project. Safe Routes to School Travel to school tallies at 3 elementary and one middle school were conducted from 2008 to 2011. <http://short.loupathways.org/srtsOSD08-11> Oxford Middle School was also one of 5 schools selected for a national study of the Boltage automated trip documentation and encouragement system during the 2010-11 school year. Those results (along with other schools) are available in this SRTS National Partnership report. <http://short.loupathways.org/boltageReport>**

- \* 74. How many cyclist/motor vehicle fatalities have occurred in your community in the past five years?

2

- \* 75. How many cyclist/motor vehicle crashes have occurred in your community in the past five years?

20

- \* 76. Do you have a specific plan or program to reduce these numbers?

Yes

No

- \* 76a. If yes, provide the link to the plan or describe.

**After the tragic death of University of Mississippi graduate student Kevser Ermin in October 2011 the community pulled together to organize several awareness events. Kevser was on her way back from the lake on training ride outside of Oxford when she was struck from behind. Over 100 cyclists gathered for a Sunday Memorial Ride. Oxford and Lafayette County PD members rode along and controlled traffic along the route. November 2011 was proclaimed "Bicycle Safety and Enforcement month" by Mayor Patterson. A bike-light give-away was held on the Sunday after the time changed back to standard time. 30 sets of lights were distributed at the event. For the following month Oxford and University of Mississippi Police officers focused on enforcement of the city's safe passing ordinance, spoke to cyclists about safe cycling and distributed 20 remaining sets of lights to cyclists out after dark without proper illumination. New bike lanes will be constructed this Spring and summer on MS-314, the road on which the fatality happened. Note that the cyclist/motor vehicle crash number above is an estimate, as anecdotal evidence indicates that not all crashes get reported. Ongoing discussions with OPD and the cycling community will seek to improve reporting and record keeping in the future.**

- \* 77. Does your community have a bicycle plan?

Yes

No

- \* 77a. When was it passed or most recently updated?

2011

- \* 77b. Is there a dedicated funding source for implementation?

Yes

No

- \* 77c. If yes, describe.

**The complete streets ordinance passed in 2011 specifies that all city road projects will be carried out with equal consideration of cyclists and pedestrians. Ongoing improvements to the network of bikeways will be normal part of the public works budget.**

- \* 77d. What percentage of the plan has been implemented?

75%

- \* 77e. Are you meeting annual target goals for implementation?

Yes

No

- \* 77f. Provide a link to the plan or describe.

**The original 2003 plan is here: Updates came in 2008 ""Oxford Mississippi: Creating a Walkable, Bikeable Community Through Complete Streets. September 2008: And in 2011 with the AIA SDAT report:**

- \* 78. Do you have a trails master plan that addresses mountain bike access?

Yes

No

- \* 78a. If yes, provide the link to the plan or describe.

- \* 79. Is there [formal cooperation](#) between the mountain biking community and the community recreation and planning staff?

Yes

No

\* 79a. If yes, describe.

**Several MTB riders (and Parents of future BMXers) will be involved in the governing board of our new BMX track located at the FNC soccer and baseball complex. Planning has begun for a pump track and 2 or more miles of gentle single track at the FNC site.**

\* 80. Do you have [trip reduction ordinances, policies or programs](#)?

Yes

No

\* 80a. If yes, describe.

\* 81. Have you done an [economic impact study](#) on bicycling in your community?

Yes

No

\* 81a. If yes, describe.

\* 82. Do you have a mechanism to ensure facilities, programs and encouragement efforts are implemented in traditionally underserved communities?

Yes

No

\* 82a. If yes, describe.

\* 83. Does your community have other programs or policies to evaluate and/or plan bicycling conditions, programs, and facilities in your community?

Yes

No

\* 83a. If yes, describe.

**Cooperation with the University of Mississippi is increasing. A new campus plan was developed in 2010. A key component of the plan is a car-free core. Recent dramatic increases in enrollment and encouraging changes in transportation mode share have prompted a reevaluation of campus traffic circulation and connections to the city of Oxford. Andrew McClurg AICP of Sasaki associates will be here in 2 weeks to do a traffic assessment. Volunteers coordinated by the UM Office of Sustainability and Oxford Pathways commission will assist in manual counts of a dozen intersections on campus. On a related note the city planning commission has recently approved several new multifamily housing developments totaling over 600 units. All have been sited on roadways that either have bike lanes or are slated for bike lanes in the next round of construction this summer.**

## Final Overview

84. What are the three primary reasons your community deserves to be designated a Bicycle Friendly Community?

\* 84a.

**We have worked hard to improve our cycling infrastructure. 1. Anderson and Anchorage roads \$3.1 million 2. SRTS Depot Trail / Washington Ave \$175k 3. TE Project: FNC Park Trails and BMX track \$400k 4. TE Project: Phase 2 11.25 miles of new bikeways \$3.1 million 5. Sisk Avenue and cycle track to future Oxford High School. City Planners and Engineers have taken the complete streets concept to heart and routinely take the initiative in planning bicycle accessibility in each new road project.**

\* 84b.

**We have raised awareness, acceptance and expectations for bicycling as a viable and desirable transportation alternative. In a special election for a new alderman, all 3 candidates representing both parties rank bike and pedestrian facilities as one of their top priorities. Ongoing discussions with staff in US Senator Thad Cochran's office here in Oxford have been very productive. They appreciate what we have accomplished here and I can't help but feel a small sense of pride in Senator Cochran's co-sponsorship of the Cardin-Cochran amendment to the currently pending transportation bill.**

\* 84c.

**Mississippi is in need of good examples. The U of M is a very influential touchstone for Mississippians. Many future leaders of our state spend their formative years here. Continued improvement in the status of bicycling as a safe, convenient, healthy, fun and sustainable transportation alternative will have repercussions that resonate far beyond the boundaries of our small town.**

85. What are the three aspects of your community most in need of improvement in order to accommodate bicyclists?

\* 85a.

**More efforts need to be made in out reach to under served community. One project on the drawing board is a pump track at Stone Park adjacent to the Oxford Middle School and the Boys and Girls Club. This park is adjacent to Oxford's historical "Freedmen's Town" currently an African American neighborhood. The Stone Center is the site of the "More than a Meal" program, weekly dinner, recreation and tutoring program for needy families that is sponsored by local churches and civic groups. Adding bicycling repair and skills clinics to the more than a meal program might be a good start.**

\* 85b.

**There are hopeful signs for a new era of cooperation between city, county and University. Both the city and the county passed safe passing (3 ft) legislation in the past 2 years. Turnover on the county Board of Supervisors has led to better cooperation between city and county boards. Both groups have expressed desire for more comprehensive, inclusive transportation planning. The city has appointed a board to study downtown parking that includes the University CFO. Bicycling is on the radar of these groups, we hope that solutions to bicycle safety and access that span municipal boundaries will be forthcoming.**

\* 85c.

**In 4 years of operation of Oxford's Safe Routes to School program, it has become clear that a fundamental issue is the dispersal students throughout the city to multiple school locations. Since Oxford schools were desegregated in the 1970s all district children in a given grade attend the same school. As Oxford's population has grown the number of grades per school has decreased. At present each school houses 2 or 3 grades with 250 or more students per grade. Discussions have been initiated with OSD board members to explore the possibility of a neighborhood school at OMS when the new high school comes on line. This will be a sensitive topic and will need to involve the whole community as it will involve issues of diversity, and equity in education as well as healthy transportation.**

\* 86. Are you planning any new projects based on your completion of the Bicycle Friendly Community application?

Yes

No

\* 86a. If yes, describe.

**Begin investigating update of the City's 2020 Comprehensive Plan. Examples of issues to be discussed: cooperation between city, county and university; creating walkable/complete streets; and creating mixed use opportunities. More formal bike safety classes by LCIs.**

\* 87. Has completing this application made you more aware of what your community needs to do to be bicycle friendly?

**Yes**

**No**

\* 87a. If yes, describe.

**It is interesting to see how the range of tools and examples around the country has expanded since our first application. There are definitely programs established elsewhere that could be helpful to our efforts in Oxford. As a community of less than 20,000 we don't have the resources for full time bike coordinator that a major metropolitan area could afford. But with a dedicated set of volunteers and concerned, thoughtful and dedicated city staff and elected leadership Oxford has made good progress in becoming more bicycle friendly since 2008.**

\* 88. We often get requests for model BFC applications from aspiring communities. Would you be willing to share your application?

**Yes**

**No**