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Name of Community

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Indian River County (IRC)

County/Borough/Parish

Indian River County

State

Florida

Has the community applied to the Bicycle Friendly Community program before?

No

If yes, what was the result of the community's last application?

If designated, what year was your community first awarded a Bronze or higher award?

Mayor or top elected official (include title)

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BFC Contact Profile

Note: This person will receive any future BFC related communication and will be listed as the contact person for the community on the award web profile, if designated.

Name of BFC contact

Andy Sobczak

Title

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Department

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Employer

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Is the BFC contact also the Bicycle Program Manager?

Yes

If no, does your community have a Bicycle Program Manager?

Yes

If different from above, what is the Bicycle Program Manager's contact information (email and phone)?

Applicant name and email, if different from BFC contact or Bicycle Program Manager contact

Community Profile

1. Type of Jurisdiction

County

2. For purposes of comparison, would you describe your community as largely

suburban

3. Climate Average daytime temperature (in °F)

January

74

April

82

July



89

October

84

Average precipitation (in inches)

January

1.5

April

3

July

5

October

3

4. Size of community (in sq. mi.)

Total area

617

Water area

114

Land area

503

5. Total Population

138,028

5a. College/University student population (during semester)

10% or less

6. Population Density (Person per sq. mi. of land area)

224

7. Median Household Income

\$47,341

8. Age distribution (in percent)

Under 5

5%

Age 5-17

9%

Age 18-64

59%

Age 65+

27%

Totals (should equal 100)

100%

9. Race (in percent)

White

84%

Black or African American

9%

American Indian and Alaska Native

.25%

Asian

.75%

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander

0%

Some other race

4%

Two or more races

2%

Totals (should equal 100)

100%

Hispanic or Latino (of any race)

11%

10. How many government employees (including the Bicycle Program Manager), expressed in full-time equivalents, work on bicycle issues in your community?

1

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

26-50%

12. Do you have an officially recognized Bicycle Advisory Committee?

Yes

12a. How often does it meet?

Quarterly

12b. How many members serve on the committee?

6 Members

12c. Which of the following groups are represented or regularly attend the Bicycle Advisory Committee? Check all that apply.

User Group, Law Enforcement, Public Health, Planning Department, Transportation Department, School Board, Parks Department, Recreation Department, Transit Agency

12d. Name and email of Bicycle Advisory Committee Chair

Terry Goff tgoffpa@cs.com

13. List all bicycle advocacy groups in your community

Vero Cycling, Inc. Vero Velo, LLC

13a. List the name and email of the primary contact for each bicycle advocacy group. If a primary contact is the applicant or BFC contact, list an alternative contact.

Vero Cycling, Inc. Hugh Aaron, Membership Director & Advocacy Chair, hugh@theaarons.com and Christy Northfield, Publicity Director & Advocacy Co-Chair, christy.northfield@gmail.com Vero Velo, LLC. John O'Connor, bostonfire@comcast.net

13b. Do you contract with any advocacy groups for services or programs? Check all that apply.

Volunteer

13c. List all advocacy groups that are working with you on this application.

Vero Cycling, Inc. Vero Velo, LLC City of Vero Beach Recreation Department Indian River County Chamber of Commerce Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce Boys & Girls Clubs of Indian River County

14. What are the primary reasons your community has invested in bicycling? Check all that apply.



Improved quality of life, Improving public health, Community connectivity, Transportation options, Climate change/environmental stewardship concerns, Decrease traffic congestion, Increase tourism, Increase property values, Cooperation with adjacent communities, Economic development, Traffic and bicycle/pedestrian safety

15. What was your community's most significant achievement for bicycling in the past 12 months? (500 word limit)

Over the last 12 months, with assistance from a FDOT Safe Routes 2 School Grant, Indian River County MPO staff, in conjunction with local law enforcement, trained all (over 3,000) 3-5 grade elementary school students in bicycle/pedestrian safety. While MPO staff are certified in bicycle/pedestrian safety instruction and helmet fitting, the training involved both on and off bicycle training. In addition to safety training, MPO staff donated (and properly fitted) bicycle helmets to all 3rd-5th grade students.

16. If you have applied to the BFC program before, describe any improvements that have occurred for cycling in your community since your last application. (500 word limit)

N/A

17. What specific improvements do you have planned for bicycling in the next 12 months? (250 word limit)

Specific improvements for bicycling (within the next 12 months) include the construction of several miles of new sidewalks and continued construction on the county's Trans-Florida Railroad Trail, a 20 mile long greenway that include a bicycle/pedestrian bridge for Interstate 95. Other projects within the next 12 months include the completion of the Indian River County 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. That plan will include a precise inventory of all bicycle facilities in the county and a analysis of Bicycle Level of Service (BLOS) on all major roadways. In the next year, the County will have completed over 21 miles of new bike lanes and 10 miles of new sidewalk/multi-purpose path (up to 8' wide). These include the 66th Avenue roadway project, which will include over 12 miles of new bike lanes (4') on both sides of the road and 6 miles of sidewalk/multi-purpose path on one side of the road; Oslo Road, which will include 4 miles of paved shoulders and 2 miles of sidewalk; and US 1, which will include 4 miles of both bike lanes and sidewalks.

Engineering

18. Does your community currently have any of the following policies in place? Check all that apply.

Local bicycle accommodation policy

18a. When was it adopted?

9/11/1990; 10/12/10

18b. Provide a link or attach a copy of this legislation or policy

See Attached

18c. What tools are in place to ensure implementation? Check all that apply.

Implementation guidance, Design manual, Training, Oversight by Bicycle Program Manager, Implementation checklist

19. Does your community currently have any of the following additional policies in place? Check all that apply.

Design manual that ensures the safe and appropriate accommodation of bicyclists in every new road project, Streetscape design guidelines , Mixed-use zoning, Connectivity policy or standards , Policy to preserve abandoned rail corridors for multi-use trails

20. How do you ensure your engineers and planners accommodate bicyclists according to AASHTO, MUTCD and NACTO standards? (Check all that apply.)

Offer FHWA/NHI Training Course, Send staff to bicycle-specific conferences/training, Adopted local design manual

21. Which of the following significant physical barriers to cycling exist in your community? Check all that apply.

Bridges that are inaccessible or unsafe for cyclists, Large body of water (e.g. river), Railroad corridors

22. How do you ensure that there are end-of-trip facilities for bicyclists? Check all that apply.

Bike parking ordinance for existing buildings specifying amount and location , Bike parking ordinance for all new developments specifying amount and location , On-street bike parking/bicycle corrals

23. Do your standards for bike parking conform with APBP guidelines?

Yes

24. What is the total number of public and private bike parking spaces in your community?

2,000 (estimated).

24a. What percentage of bike racks conform with APBP guidelines?

more than 75%

24b. Of the total bike parking available, please specify the percentage of bike parking spaces that are:

Bike lockers

Less than 1%

Parking spaces in bike depots (i.e. Bikestation)

Less than 1%

Parking spaces in bike corrals (on-street bike parking)

Less than 1%

25. Approximately what percentage of the following locations has bike racks or storage units? Answer all that apply.

Public and private schools

More than 90%

Higher Education Institutions

More than 90%

Libraries

More than 90%

Transit stations and major bus stops

More than 90%

Parks & recreation centers

More than 90%

Other government owned buildings and facilities

76-90%

Event venues (e.g. convention center, movie complex)

More than 90%

Hotels & restaurants

76-90%

Office buildings

More than 90%

Retail stores

More than 90%

Multi-family housing

More than 90%

Public housing

More than 90%

26. Does your community have transit service (bus, light rail, heavy rail)?

Yes

26a. What percentage of buses are equipped with bike racks?

26-50%

26b. Are bikes allowed inside transit vehicles?

No

27. What is the centerline mileage of the existing off-road bicycle network within your community?

125



27a. How many miles of the following off-road bicycle accommodations do you have? Answer all that apply (in centerline miles)

Paved shared use paths (?10feet)

50

Natural surface shared use paths (?10feet)

75

Singletrack

27b. What percentage of all natural surface trails and singletrack are open to bicyclists?

All

27c. What are the exceptions? (100 word limit)

28. What is the centerline mileage of your road network (including state owned and private roads)?

1650. 300 miles are collector or arterials, 1,350 miles are local streets.

28a. What is the street network density of your road network? (centerline miles of road per sq. mi. of land area)

5.1 - 10.0

28b. What percentage of roads has posted or design speeds of 25mph and lower?

1-25%

28c. What percentage of roads has posted or design speeds of 35mph and higher?

26-50%

28d. What percentage of the existing on-street bicycle network meets or exceeds current AASHTO, MUTCD and NACTO standards?

More than 90%

28e. List your existing on-road bicycle accommodations that meet or exceed AASHTO, MUTCD and NACTO standards. Answer all that apply (in centerline miles)

Conventional bike lanes (ridable surface ?4feet)

220

Shared lane markings

Contra-flow bike lanes

Protected or buffered bike lanes (one-way)

Protected or buffered bike lanes (two-way)

Raised cycle tracks

Left-side bike lanes

Bike boulevards or Neighborhood Greenways

29. What other ways have you improved conditions for bicyclists? Check all that apply.

Area wide traffic calming , Signed bike routes, Bike/pedestrian overpasses/underpasses, Other

If other, describe (250 word limit)

30. What percentage of arterial streets has dedicated space for cyclists (e.g. bike lanes, paved shoulders ?4feet, cycle tracks, etc)?

75

31. Which of the following broader transportation policies and programs are in place in your community? Check all that apply.

Paid public parking , Shared-parking allowances

32. What maintenance policies or programs ensure the on-street bicycle network (including shoulders) remains usable and safe? Select all that apply.

32a. Street sweeping

Monthly

32b. Snow clearance

No snow

32c. Pothole maintenance

Within 24 hours of complaint

32d. Describe any other maintenance policies or programs for the on-street bicycle network (including shoulders). (100 word limit)

33. What maintenance policies or programs ensure the off-street bicycle network remains usable and safe? Select all that apply.

33a. Path sweeping

Monthly

33b. Vegetation maintenance

Monthly

33c. Snow clearance

No snow

33d. Surface repair

Within 24 hours of complaint

33e. Describe any other maintenance policies or programs for the off-street bicycle network, if applicable. (100 word limit)

34. Is there a mechanism in place for cyclists to identify problem intersections or areas to traffic engineers and planners? Check all that apply.

Hotline

35. How do you accommodate cyclists at intersections in your community? Check all that apply.

Most signals are timed, Most signals are timed for bicycle speeds, Demand activated signals with loop detector (and marking) or bike accessible push-button, Video or microwave detection

, Advance stop line or Bike Box , Path crossing with high visibility markings or signs , Raised path crossings

36. Describe any other amenities or infrastructure improvements that your community provides or requires that create a comfortable and attractive bicycling environment. (500 word limit)

The County was one of the first in South Florida to require the provision of bike lanes, sidewalks, and multi-purpose paths by developers outside of their development consistent with the Bike/Ped Plan. This has resulted in 100s of miles facilities provided in the past decade at no expense to the County. There are no prohibitions in any IRC jurisdiction against cycling on sidewalks, and this is a popular option, especially among children and the elderly. Several schools conduct bike to school events on national bike to school day. The County is also host to several Triathlons, Junior Triathlons, and organized rider groups.

Education



37. What percentage of your public and private schools offer bicycle education, e.g. through a Safe Routes to School or similar program?

Elementary

More than 90%

Middle School

None

High School

None

38. Outside of schools, how are children taught safe cycling skills? Check all that apply.

Bike clinics or rodeos, Youth recreation programs, Helmet fit seminars

39. Do you have a ticket diversion program? Check all that apply.

No

40. What have you done in the last 18 months to educate motorists and bicyclists on sharing the road safely? Check all that apply.

Public service announcements, Community newsletter/magazine article, Info sessions/lunch seminars, Newspaper column/blog on bicycling, Dedicated bike page on community website, Share the Road Signs

41. How many times per year are the following adult bicycling education classes held within your community? Answer all that apply.

Traffic Skills 101 classes or equivalent (full-day training course, including classroom and on-bike instruction)

1 (upcoming)

Cycling Skills classes (three to four hour classroom training courses)

1 (upcoming)

Commuter classes (one to two hour classes)

1 (upcoming)

Bicycle maintenance classes or workshops

1 (upcoming)

42. Do you offer regular Smart Cycling courses for your community engineers and planners that include on-bike instruction and in-traffic cycling?

No

43. Has your community hosted a League Cycling Instructor seminar in the past two years?

No

43a. How many League Cycling Instructors are there in your community?

n/a. There are approximately 40 instructors certified through the Florida Bicycle Traffic Safety Instruction program through the University of Florida

43b. List League Cycling Instructors that have taught at least one class during the past 12 months. (250 word limit)

44. Which of the following groups of professional drivers have training that includes information on sharing the road with cyclists? Check all that apply.

Transit operators

45. Describe any efforts your community has made to ensure your education programs reach traditionally underserved populations, particularly seniors, women, youth and adult minorities and non-English speakers, and persons with disabilities of all ages. (250 word limit)

The Indian River County MPO in conjunction with the Indian River County Health Department provide nearly a hundred Bicycle Safety Training classes to every elementary school child in the County. Bilingual staff provide training. Several rodeos are conducted in transportation disadvantaged communities and limited English proficiency communities and are targeted to all youth regardless of age. The County and its partners also conduct numerous helmet fittings, equipment safety checks, free bicycle tune-ups and bicycle registration in many of these same communities. The MPO has conducted a module on bike/ped safety for Seniors as part of the AAA senior safe driving education program.

46. Describe any other education efforts in your community that promote safe cycling. (500 word limit)

Encouragement

47. How do you promote National Bike Month/your own dedicated Bike Month? Check all that apply.

Official Proclamation, Community Rides, Mentoring program for new riders, Bike to School Day, Other

If other, describe (250 word limit)

The MPO conducted a trail opening ceremony for the first phase of the Trans-Florida Rail Trail. The ceremony was attended by over 250 persons and featured a marching band and presentation by children dressed as historical characters.

47a. What percentage of the population participate in Bike Month events?

Less than 5%

47b. Do you actively promote Bike to Work Day or other bicycle commuting incentive programs?

Yes

If yes, describe (500 word limit)

In 2014, a resolution in support of National Bike Month and Bike to Work Day (see attachments) will be presented for passage to the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners. In addition, Vero Cycling, Inc. will offer a special 'Celebrate National Bike Month' ride and a 'Celebrate National Bike Month' new rider ride to encourage local citizens to become involved in cycling.

47c. Approximately what percentage of the community workforce do you reach on Bike to Work Day?

1-25%

48. How do you promote bicycling outside of your official Bike Month? Check all that apply.

Public Service Announcements, Triathlons and bicycle races

49. List the signature cycling events that occur in your community. (250 word limit)

Tour De Vero (www.verovelo.org) Approximately five weekly Vero Cycling club rides – year round. Vero Cycling Annual Member Picnic and Ride Vero Cycling Member Time Trial Annual Fellsmere Saint Patrick's Day Ride Annual Holiday Lights Ride Periodic Vero Cycling Special Event Rides (e.g., Archies Ride) Periodic New Rider Rides for the Entire Community October Breast Cancer Ride (in the planning stages) Conquistadores Triathlon

49a. How does the municipality sponsor or actively support these events?

Contribute in-kind funding (i.e. police presence, closing roads, etc), Assist in promoting the event

50. Does your local tourism board or chamber of commerce promote bicycling in your area?

Yes

If yes, describe (250 word limit)

The chamber has participated in a member survey and has distributed information to members and visitors.

51. Are there cycling clubs in your community? Check all that apply.

Recreational bike clubs, Mountain bike clubs

51a. List the names of the clubs. (500 word limit)

Vero Cycling, Inc. Vero Velo, LLC Sunrunners Triathlon Club of Vero Beach

52. How many specialty bicycle retailers (shops dedicated primarily to selling bikes and bike-related equipment) are there in your community?

Four

52a. List their names. (250 word limit)

Orchid Island Bikes & Kayaks Bicycle Sports Alan's Bicycle Center Biker Boy Bicycles

53. Which of these bicycling amenities do you have in your community? Check all that apply.

Other

If other, describe (100 word limit)

Cycle-accessible Greenways trails.

53a. Is there a skate park in your community?

Yes



If yes, do bikes have access to the skate park?

Sometimes

54. Are there opportunities to rent bicycles in your community?

Yes

55. Does your community currently have a bike sharing program that is open to the general public?

No

55a. If yes, please provide details about the system below.

How many bikes are in the system?

Although there are no plans to launch a bike sharing program this year, plans for such a system are being explored. Currently, the community has good availability of rental bikes.

How many stations are in the system?

How many trips are being made annually?

56. Do you have any current League of American Bicyclists designated Bicycle Friendly Businesses in your community?

Yes, No

If yes, list the names of the businesses and their award level. (250 word limit)

Although there are no designated Bicycle Friendly Businesses in the community to date, Orchid Island Bikes has indicated an interest in applying for designation. In addition, Vero Cycling, Inc. has identified a list of 18 local businesses that are believed to be bicycle friendly. Over the next year, Vero Cycling, Inc. plans to contact these businesses and encourage application.

57. Do you have any current League of American Bicyclists designated Bicycle Friendly Universities in your community?

Yes, No

If yes, list the names of the institutions and their award level. (250 word limit)

The largest institution of higher education is Indian River State College. We plan to encourage them to apply and will assist them as needed.

58. Does your community have a bike co-op or non-profit community bike shop?

No

58a. If yes, does the co-op/non-profit community bike shop receive support from the local government?

59. Does your community have youth recreation and/or intervention programs centered on bicycling? Check all that apply.

Earn a Bike program 

60. What mapping and route finding information is available for your community, which has been updated in the last 18 months? Check all that apply.

Printed bike map outlining existing bike infrastructure (by type), public restrooms and other bicycle amenities, Printed greenways and trails map

61. Describe any other programs or policies your community has to encourage cycling. (500 word limit)

Several organizations offer incentives for bicycle travel. The White Rabbit Acres organic farm conducted a community event where free produce was offered to anyone who accessed the business by bicycle. The City of Vero Beach closes streets downtown once/month to cars, allowing only access by bicycles and pedestrians. Indian River County maintains lockers and showers for bicycle commuters.

Enforcement

62. How does your police department interact with the local cycling community? Check all that apply.

A police officer is an active member of the Bicycle Advisory Committee, Identified law-enforcement point person to interact with cyclists

63. What kind of training is offered to police officers regarding traffic law as it applies to bicyclists? Check all that apply.

Basic academy training, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Law Enforcement Training

64. What enforcement programs that target improving cyclist safety are in place? Check all that apply.

Helmet giveaways, Light giveaways, Targeting motorist infractions, Targeting cyclist infractions, Positive enforcement ticketing 

65. What percentage of patrol officers are on bikes?

1- 10%

66. Are any other public safety (e.g. EMS) employees on bikes?

No

67. Do police officers report cyclist crash data or potential hazards to traffic engineers and planners to identify sites in need of safety improvements for cyclists?

Yes

68. Which of the following safety services and amenities are available in your community?

Street lighting on most arterials, Street lighting on most non-arterials, Lighting of most shared-use paths, Stolen or impounded bikes recovery system or assistance, Non-mandatory bike registration

69. Are there any local or state ordinances that protect cyclists? Check all that apply.

It is illegal to park or drive in a bike lane (intersections excepted), Ban on texting while driving, Safe passing distance law, It is illegal to harass a cyclist

70. Do your local ordinances place any restrictions on cyclists? Check all that apply.

None of the above

71. Describe any other enforcement programs or policies relating to cycling. (500 word limit)

Evaluation and Planning

72. Does your community have a comprehensive bicycle master plan or similar section in another document?

Yes

72a. If yes, please provide details about the plan below.

Provide a link to the plan or describe. (250 word limit)

http://www.irmpo.com/Documents/BPP/BIKEPED_2004.pdf

When was it passed or most recently updated?

2004 / 2014 (update underway)

Is there a dedicated funding source for implementation?

Yes

If yes, describe the funding source and designated amount (250 word limit)

The County has allocated 500,000/year for each of the next 5 years in local funds and has a policy to use Transportation Alternatives funding only for bike/ped and greenways priorities

What percentage of the current plan has been implemented?

25%

Are you meeting annual target goals for implementation?

Yes

73. Do you have a trails master plan that addresses mountain bike access?

Yes

If yes, provide the link to the plan or describe. (250 word limit)

In 2006, Indian River County contracted with the firm of Alta Planning and Design of Berkeley, California, to identify trail opportunities; develop an idealized typical section; and come up with a funding plan and policies to move the plan forward. To date, several sections of bike-friendly trail have been completed, including the Lagoon Greenway Trail and the Trans-Central Florida Rail Trail.



74. Is there formal cooperation between the mountain biking community and the community recreation and planning staff?

Yes

If yes, describe (100 word limit)

County planning staff have met with local mountain bike enthusiasts to discuss the needs of the mountain biking community, and to discuss development of a mountain bike trail park.

75. Does your community have an on-going bicycle counting and/or survey program that allows for long-term trend analysis of cycling trips (e.g. participation in the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project)?

Yes, No

If yes, please describe the most recent results. (250 word limit)

Although the County does not have a formal bicycle count program, the County has participated in corridor bicycle count studies with FDOT District IV to provide counts and identify trends on SR 60 and the Barber Bridge. Vero Cycling has also conducted an on-line survey to bolster data collection efforts.

75a. If yes, do the counts capture the gender of cyclists?

76. Does your community routinely conduct pre/post evaluations of bicycle-related road projects?

Yes

If yes, please describe the results. (250 word limit)

In light of the county's recent efforts to significantly expand the bicycle and pedestrian network, staff compiles an annual 5-year moving average of bicycle/pedestrian fatalities and injuries to measure the impacts of new bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure.

77. Does your community establish target goals for bicycle use, e.g. a certain level of bicycle mode share?

No

78. What is the most current journey-to-work data for your community? Tip: Search for topic B08301 (Means of Transportation to Work) for your community on the American FactFinder website (Advanced Search). Choose the most recent data set available for your community. Divide the total number of bicycle/pedestrian/transit commuters by the total number of commuters and multiply the result by 100.

Bicycling (in %)

1

Percentage of bicycle commuters who are women (See topic B08006. Choose the most recent data set available for your community. Divide the total number of women bicycle commuters by the total number of bicycle commuters and multiply the result by 100.)

Walking (in %)

1

Transit (in %)

<1

79. What is the average commuting distance to work for residents of your community? Tip: This data is not available nationally and needs to be collected locally (or estimated).

80. What percent of children commute to school by bicycle? Tip: This data is not available nationally and needs to be collected locally.

Elementary

5

Middle School

10

High School

10

81. How many cyclists have been involved in a crash in your community in the past five years involving a motor vehicle?

119 total bike crashes (most involved a motor vehicle)

81a. How many cyclist fatalities have occurred in your community in the past five years involving a motor vehicle?

4

81b. Do you have a specific plan or program to reduce these numbers?

Yes

If yes, describe (250 word limit)

Over the last 3 years, county staff (certified in bicycle/pedestrian safety instruction and helmet fitting) trained over 8,000 children in proper helmet fitting techniques and safe riding techniques (including on-bike training). To date, all 3rd through 5th grade public school students in Indian River County have completed the bicycle/pedestrian safety training. In addition, each year, county staff host bicycle helmet fitting and give-away events. As a result, every year all 3rd through 5th grade students without a helmet receive one at no charge.

82. Do you measure the Bicycle Level of Service of roads and/or intersections?

Yes

If yes, please describe your methodology and recent results. (250 word limit)

Indian River County uses Sprinkle Consulting, Inc.'s BLOS/PLOS methodology which considers such factors as presence of a facility, roadway buffering, accidents, and adjacent vehicular traffic. Only 37% of roadways in Indian River County have a failing Bicycle or Pedestrian Level of Service.

83. Do you have community-wide trip reduction policies or programs?

Yes

If yes, describe the policy/program and the results. (250 word limit)

The County encourages the use of Public Transportation by offering free service, making customized presentations to local groups and businesses, customizing routes, and installing bike racks on buses.

83a. Does the program use individualized marketing to identify and support current and potential bike commuters in your community?

No

84. Have you done an economic impact study on bicycling in your community?

No

85. Do you have a mechanism to ensure bicycle facilities, programs and encouragement efforts are implemented in traditionally underserved neighborhoods?

Yes

If yes, describe (250 word limit)

The County conducts bicycle roadeos, holds bike/ped plan workshops, and reaches out to the community at events such as Downtown Bike Night, Family Jamboree, through the Boys and Girls Clubs, and at the Gifford Youth Activity Center.

86. Describe any other programs or policies that your community uses to evaluate and/or plan bicycling conditions, programs, and facilities. (500 word limit)

The County uses the BLOS and PLOS methodology adopted by the state of Florida and pioneered by Sprinkle Consulting, Inc. to evaluate cycling conditions and compares changes to these conditions over time. According to the most recent evaluation, most facilities in the County operate at an acceptable level of service. The county also tracks moving averages of Bike/Ped crashes and investigates bike/ped crashes to determine preventable causes. Interest groups such as Vero Cycling have conducted user surveys. The County has a Bike/Ped Element in its Comprehensive Plan; has a Greenways Plan; and has a freestanding Bike/Ped Plan. All of these plans and programs are updated regularly with new data on cycle use, accidents, and demand.

Final Overview

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

Reason One (250 word limit)

Bicycle Infrastructure - Over the past 10 years, several hundred miles of bicycle infrastructure were added to the community, including bike lanes, sidewalks, and off network trails and paths. In addition, the county's model roadway section includes 4' wide bike lanes on both sides of the road in addition to 8' wide buffered sidewalks on both sides of the road. In an effort to improve conditions for bicyclists, MPO staff monitors indicators such as bike level of service (BLOS), solicits feedback regarding



cycling conditions from community members, maintains several adopted plans including the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and several Greenways plans, and continually identifies new potential projects. Numerous public parks provide bike paths, restrooms and, water fountains. We have at least one road with bike lanes in both directions that cover the entire length of the community, some 22 miles in each direction.

Reason Two (250 word limit)

Over the last several years, in an effort to reduce short term as well as long term cyclist fatality and injury rates, MPO staff have conducted bicycle and pedestrian safety training events at elementary schools, Boy's and Girl's Clubs, and public events throughout the county. These events consist of on-bike training including obstacle avoidance courses, traffic signal observance, and proper safe riding techniques. In addition, participants are instructed in proper helmet fitting techniques as well as rules and laws applicable to cyclists. To date, nearly 9,000 children have successfully completed the program.

Reason Three (250 word limit)

A community that rides – our ridership grew 185% from 2000 to 2011, more than double the rate of the average Bicycle Friendly Community. Anyone who travels in Indian River County will see numerous cyclists on the road year round. Many are riding for transportation, others for recreation.

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

Aspect One (100 word limit)

We need bike lanes on US 1 (a major north/south thoroughfare) from the southern county line to Oslo road, where the existing Route 1 bike lanes start. Fortunately, this multi-year project is well under way with a projected completion date of Spring 2015.

Aspect Two (100 word limit)

We need to formalize and strengthen our advocacy efforts. The county Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is very committed to the county being a Bicycle Friendly Community. However, the MPO staff needs more community support. Vero Cycling recently appointed two advocacy co-chairs, one of whom serves as a citizen representative on the MPO's Bicycle Advisory Committee. Vero Cycling hopes to expand its advocacy efforts by expanding its Advocacy Committee to include representation from other advocacy and community service organizations.

Aspect Three (100 word limit)

We need to do more to encourage respect and cooperation between motorist and cyclists. We generally enjoy respectful relationships between both groups in our community. However, there are occasional instances where one group gets frustrated with the other. One of the stated missions of Vero Cycling is "To encourage respect among cyclists and non-cyclists." In addition, Vero Cycling's volunteer safety director (a board position) continually emphasizes this issue to the club's members.

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

Yes

If yes, describe (250 word limit)

The County actively engages in many activities that are not formalized or not sanctioned as League activities. The County can strive to make its activities consistent with League policy.

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

Yes

If yes, describe (250 word limit)

The County will assist Bike/Friendly business development; will tailor commute reduction programs to the cycling community; will explore bikeshare alternatives; and will assist local cycling groups in conducting League-supported training.

Submit any documents that you would like to provide in support of your application, including at least five high resolution photos (1-2MB) here. You can submit up to 5 files at the time and there is no limit on how many files can be submitted. By submitting photos, the League of American Bicyclists has the right to use your photos to promote bicycling. Please note that the files will submit immediately and will not appear as an attachment.

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

Yes

How did you hear about the BFC program?

Bill Nesper, League of American Bicyclists