

HOW BIKE FRIENDLY IS SAN FRANCISCO?

A Look At How San Francisco Compares To Other Cities And What Local Cyclists Think

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SAN FRANCISCO IS A GOLD LEVEL BIKE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY AND IS SECOND BEST CITY FOR BIKE RIDING IN CALIFORNIA

Here's a quick look of the top-tier California cities.



DAVIS There Are More Bicycles In Davis Than Cars*
Davis uniquely began their bike planning 40 years ago before there were even national guidelines. With time on their side they've been able to fine tune their program and become a model for other cities across the U.S. Though a smaller city than San Francisco, Davis has over 100 miles of bike lanes and bike paths and budgets \$100,000 a year for bike path maintenance. (LAB)



SAN FRANCISCO, Large Bicycle Culture With Some Political Influence*
Contrary to popular belief, the hills are not a big deterrent for cyclists in San Francisco. With 63 miles of bicycle lanes and paths, bicycling is a popular mode of transportation. There are about 40,000 residents commuting to work regularly by bicycle. With the help of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, city officials are trying to make San Francisco a more bike friendly, green city. (LAB)

PALO ALTO, Palo Alto Continues To Strive To Be More Bicycle Friendly
Palo Alto has had a long-standing commitment to being a city that is a great place to ride a bicycle for fun, transportation and for exercise. The city has recently completed two major new bicycle facilities, including a rail line under crossing and a new path and bridge over Embarcadero Road. Palo Alto has also completed the \$5.1 million Homer Under crossing, a pedestrian/bicycle under crossing of the Caltrain Commuter Rail line. (LAB)



Other Honorable CA Cities
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SAN LUIS OBISPO
SANTA BARBRA
SANTA CRUZ
(LAB)

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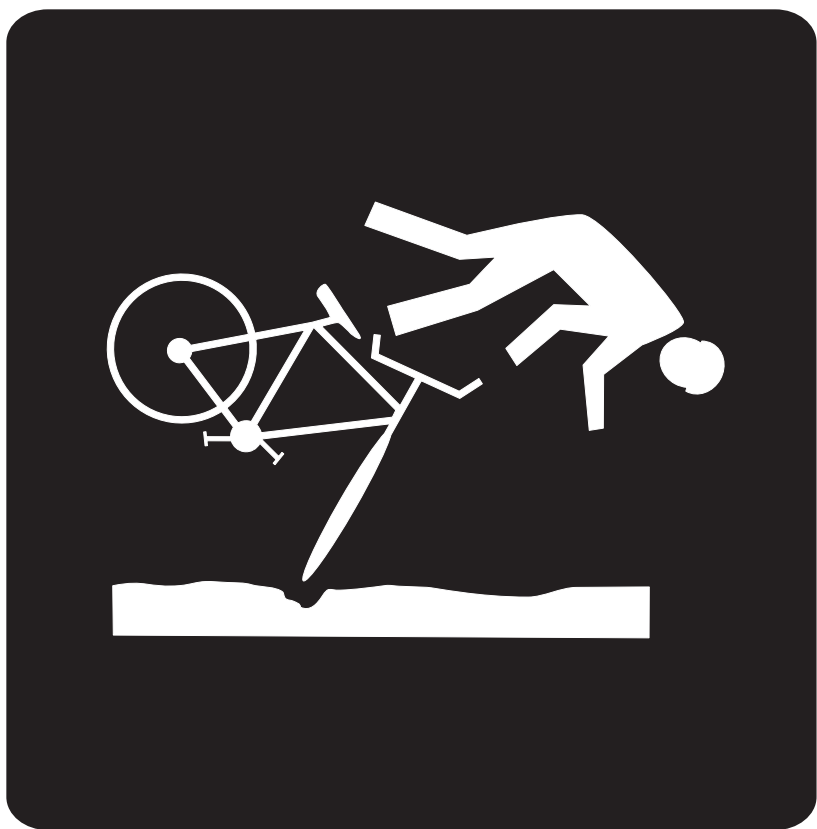
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WHAT LOCAL CYCLISTS THINK

According to a recent bicycle survey, San Francisco cyclists feel the City still has much to approve upon. Here's how the locals have graded riding in San Francisco:



BIKE ROUTES, GRADE C
Cyclists had problems with the current bike route network because of the following:
– Bad Pavement Quality
– Too Few Bike Lanes
– Cars Blocking Bike Lanes
– Too Many Gaps in Bike Routes



PAVEMENT QUALITY, GRADE D
Poor road conditions can lead to accidents and injuries. Cyclists are not satisfied with current state of road conditions in San Francisco.
10% of survey respondents say they had a serious fall while riding a bike because of broken or irregular pavement or potholes.
15% of survey respondents say they had a serious fall while riding a bike because of poor surface conditions.



SAFETY, GRADE C
Cyclists think safe riding in the City is fair. However 27% of survey respondents say they have been in a collision with a car, truck, or bus while riding a bicycle in the past two years.
12% of survey respondents say they were injured in a collision with a car, truck, or bus while riding a bicycle in the past two years in San Francisco.



POLICE RESPONSE TO THEFT & ACCIDENTS, GRADE D+
22% of collision victims say they filed/attempted to file a police report about their bicycle collision. Cyclists are overall dissatisfied with the police's response to accidents and bicycle thefts.



TRANSIT CONNECTIONS, GRADE C
While two bikes spots are available on most MUNI buses, bikes are not allowed on MUNI light rail.
Meanwhile BART allows bikes on most trains. However, bikes are still not allowed during heavy commute hours. This poses an inconvenience and problem for cyclists who commute during those times.
Many cyclists on the other hand are satisfied with Caltrain's bike program.



PARKING, GRADE C
19% of survey respondents say they had a bicycle stolen in San Francisco in the past two years. 45% of bike theft victims reported their bicycle theft to the police. 6% of bike theft victims say they got their bicycle back. Cyclists feel bike parking in San Francisco is fair.

NATION

OF THE TOP FIVE BIG BIKE FRIENDLY CITIES IN THE US, SAN FRANCISCO IS RANKED SECOND

- Populations of 100,000 or more
- 1 Portland, OR
 - 2 San Francisco, CA
 - 3 Seattle, WA
 - 4 Chicago, IL
 - 5 Austin, TX

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