

Boston, MA | CITY SCORECARD



placesforbikes

2019 OVERALL SCORE

2.7 The overall score is based on Ridership, Safety, Network, Reach and Acceleration. It includes publicly available data and data gathered from our Community Survey, City Snapshot, and Bike Network Analysis.

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SAFETY |

Measures how safe it is and feels to ride a bike.

2.0

All mode fatalities and injuries	2.0
Bicycle fatalities and injuries	2.0
Perceptions of safety	1.9

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REACH |

Measures how well the bike network serves everyone equally.

1.8

Demographic gap in BNA	3.0
Bicycle commuting rates by gender	1.4

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RIDERSHIP |

Measures how many people are riding.

2.6

Bicycle commuting	1.4
Recreational bike riding	3.6
Perceptions of bike use	3.0

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NETWORK |

Measures how well the bike network connects people to destinations.

1.3

Bicycle Network Analysis (BNA)	1.0
Perceptions of network quality	2.6

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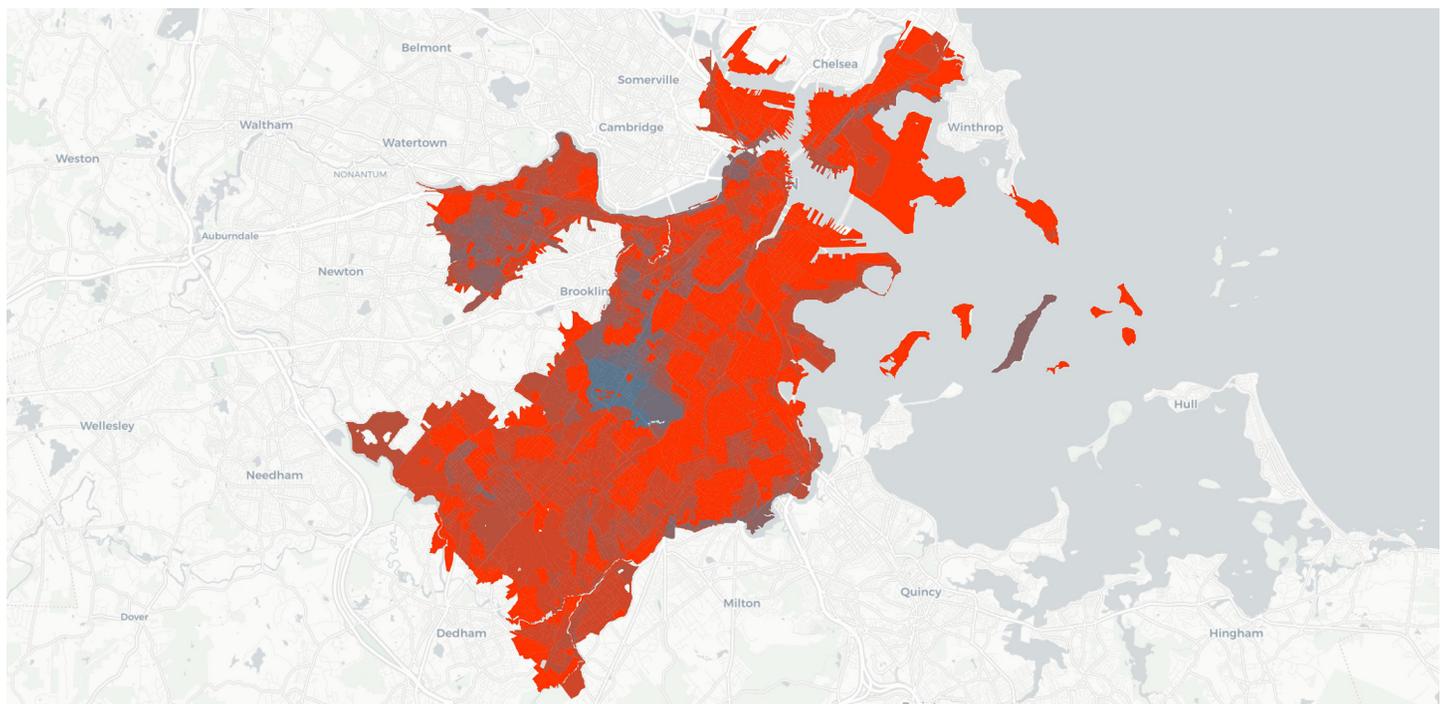
ACCELERATION |

Measures the city's commitment to growing bicycling quickly.

3.4

Growth in bike facilities and events	3.5
Perceptions of progress	3.1

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TEN WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR SCORE

- 1** Quarterly for 24 months: Hold a new bike event. Consider open streets events. Teach riding and mechanical skills to youth. Count attendees.
- 2** Next 12-24 months: Launch or expand public bike share. Use ambassador programs to establish community leaders as system spokespeople. Count rides.
- 3** 12-24 months: Create a Vision Zero policy with measurable goals and a clear timeline. Measure current safety to create a baseline.
- 4** 12 months: Use a crowdfunding campaign to build community support for an easy, visible protected bike lane. Measure "before and after" data.
- 5** 12 months: Install a small network of neighborhood bikeways by improving a few residential streets. Count bikes before and after.
- 6** Review your resurfacing schedule for chances to cheaply install post-protected bike lanes. Aim for these in 30% of all resurfacing projects.
- 7** 12 months: Build a diverse mobility advisory team. Prioritize people in underserved or fast-changing areas. Identify those not at the table.
- 8** Map assets like businesses, parks and events to showcase the strengths of underserved areas. Focus attention on helping people access those assets.
- 9** Look to capital budgets or voters for dedicated funding for low-stress bikeways and programs. Make a plan to get dedicated funding within 24 months.
- 10** Return to quick-build projects to make them permanent. Use feedback & data gathered to improve designs. Aim for one such upgrade each year.



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