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Chapel Hill Named Bicycle Friendly Community

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The League of American Bicyclists has named Chapel Hill a Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) at the silver level, an improvement from bronze.

"Chapel Hill is working to create a safer cycling environment and to make cycling a more convenient everyday choice," said Bergen Watterson, the Town's transportation planning manager. "We are especially pleased to see the improvement in our ranking, which reflects the staff work and public commitment toward this goal."

The five levels of the BFC award – diamond, platinum, gold, silver and bronze, plus an honorable mention category and a no designation level – provide a clear incentive for communities to continuously improve. Only two communities in North Carolina are at the silver level – Chapel Hill and Carrboro. The designation level is for four years.



According to the Dec. 6, 2018, announcement letter: "This decision involved careful review of your

application and supplemental materials, as well as consultation with local cyclists and bike advocates. As you know, this award is presented only to communities with strong commitments to bicycling. You should be very proud of this accomplishment."

About the Bicycle Friendly AmericaSM Program

The Bicycle Friendly CommunitySM, Bicycle Friendly StateSM, Bicycle Friendly BusinessSM and Bicycle Friendly UniversitySM programs are generously supported by program partner Eco-Counter and by League Members. To learn more about building a Bicycle Friendly America, visit <u>www.bikeleague.org/BFA</u>

Getting Around Chapel Hill

An interdepartmental staff group at the Town of Chapel Hill meets weekly to pinpoint problem traffic spots and improve safety. The bike-ped team combines law enforcement, planning, public works, traffic engineering, parks and recreation, and communications representatives. If you have concerns or compliments to share with the team, email <u>BikePed@townofchapelhill.org</u>

For more on Chapel Hill's progress toward new greenways and sidewalks; traffic calming; bike lanes and sharrows; and public outreach, education and enforcement, visit <u>www.townofchapelhill.org/GettingAround</u>

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