



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Support Bicycle Friendly Community Application

PURPOSE: The Town of Carrboro is scheduled to submit an application to the League of American Bicycles to maintain its status as a Bicycle Friendly Community in June 2024. Communities are encouraged to include letters of support as part of application materials. A resolution for the Town Council to express its ongoing support of the Town's status as a Bicycle Friendly Community has been prepared for the Council's consideration.

DEPARTMENT: Planning

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COUNCIL DIRECTION:

☒ Race/Equity ☒ Climate ☒ Comprehensive Plan ☒ Other

Continued participation in the Bicycle Friendly Community program supports the Town's interest in equity and accessibility and promotes alternative transportation choices that further the Town climate action goals and implements the adopted transportation bicycle plan as reaffirmed in the Comprehensive Plan. Racial Equity Pocket Questions have been provided as *Attachment B*.

INFORMATION: The League of American Bicyclist's Bicycle Friendly Community program is designed to provide communities with a roadmap for making bicycling a safe and viable travel choice for all residents. The Town of Carrboro has participated in the League of American Bicycle's Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) program since 2006. The Town was awarded silver status in 2015 and was at the time was the first community in North Carolina to receive silver-level or higher status in the community program. The program is structured such that awards remain valid for four years; participating communities must reapply every four years to remain in good standing. Awards levels range from Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze. The Town of Carrboro is scheduled to reapply in June 2024. Communities are encouraged to include letters of support as part of application materials. A resolution of support has been prepared for the Council's consideration.

Of note, the Bicycle Friendly Community program use the 5E framework as noted below:

- Equity & Accessibility: A Bicycle Friendly America for everyone
- Engineering: Creating safe and convenient places to ride and park
- Education: Giving people of all ages and abilities the skills and confidence to ride
- Encouragement: Creating a strong bike culture that welcomes and celebrates bicycling
- Evaluation & Planning: Planning for bicycling as a safe and viable transportation option.

For additional information, please see the following link: <https://bikeleague.org/bfa/5-es/>.

FISCAL IMPACT: There are no fiscal impacts associated with the consideration with this item. Staff time is necessary for the preparation of the application.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Town Council approve the resolution provided as *Attachment A*.