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1 Brattleboro awarded Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly  
2 Community designation

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5 The Town of Brattleboro and the Brattleboro Coalition for  
6 Active Transportation (BCAT) was recently awarded a Bronze  
7 Level Bicycle Friendly Community designation from the League  
8 of American Bicyclists. This is an upgrade from the Honorable  
9 Mention designation that was received in late 2020.  
10 BCAT applied for the designation with the assistance of  
11 Town Manager John Potter, Director of Planning Sue Fillion,

12 Director of Public Works Dan Tyler, and Police Chief Norma  
13 Hardy. Receiving a Bronze Level is strong validation of the  
14 improvements in bicycle infrastructure made by the town in the  
15 past five years.

16 These include the covered bike rack at the Brattleboro  
17 Food Co-op, bicycle tools installed in front of Brooks Memorial  
18 library, bike lanes on Western Avenue from Exit 2 to Green Street,  
19 safety improvements on Putney Road from the West River Bridge  
20 to Town Crier Drive, a scoping study on Canal Street to improve  
21 safety for all road users, and a design change at the intersection  
22 of Western Avenue and Green Street that slows eastbound traffic  
23 turning onto Green Street.

24 “There will always be more to do to improve safety for  
25 bicyclists,” wrote BCAT representatives in a news release. “We  
26 must continue our efforts to meet goals and priorities listed in the  
27 Walk Bike Action Plan (which can be found on the [town website](#))  
28 and find solutions for dangerous areas that have been identified  
29 since then. We want all those who bike (and those who want to  
30 bike but are unable or unwilling due to safety concerns), to feel  
31 safe and be safe biking in our town.”

32 With the Bronze Level designation comes a report card  
33 with specific guidance to make Brattleboro even more bike  
34 friendly. The town will be eligible to apply for the Silver level  
35 designation in 2029. BCAT says it plans to hold a public  
36 celebration in April “to honor the improvements in bicycle safety  
37 that Brattleboro has accomplished.”

38 For more information about BCAT, visit  
39 [localmotion.org/brattleboro\\_coalition\\_active\\_transportation](http://localmotion.org/brattleboro_coalition_active_transportation).

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