

Tahoe not among the top bike friendly locations

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Missoula, Mont., and Durango, Colo., are the latest towns to make “gold” status in the League of American Bicyclists Bicycle Friendly Communities rankings. The group’s annual list comes out today as a kick-off to National Bike to Work Week.

The program annually awards towns and cities with gold, silver or bronze status according to how well they promote cycling, provide infrastructure, enact pro-cycling policies and support related education programs.



South Lake Tahoe is known for bike routes that abruptly end.
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With the latest round of entrants, the organization has now certified 214 locales in 47 states as bike-friendly. In general, communities in the Mountain West lead the pack.

In Missoula, protected bike lanes, signage, and new bike parking serve an estimated 7% of residents who commute by bike. Durango boasts 300 miles of mountain bike trails and a growing network of city bike lanes., and cycling is “integral

to the town's culture and identity," the league said in a statement.

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