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## LESSONS FROM THE BEST BIKING CITIES

# Berkeley, California

CITY SCORE: 69

**Berkeley is a true, 15-minute city, with most essential services within biking distance. But it didn't become a great place to bike overnight.**

**1 Create safe places to bike on every street.** Continuously invest in low-stress neighborhood bikeways, as well as protected bike infrastructure on main thoroughfares.

**2 Build political support for biking.** It's important to maintain buy-in from elected officials when it comes to active transportation, including City Council members, city administration and the mayor. Positioning bicycling as a climate action strategy will help garner endorsements.

**3 Re-imagine safety without enforcement.** There are disparities in access to and how safe BIPOC feel bicycling. Through an equity initiative called BerkDOT, the city is addressing systemic racism and working to implement its Vision Zero policy.



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**Helpful resources.** Read about [how Berkeley earned its City Ratings score](#), as well as [how BerkDOT is changing traffic enforcement](#). Learn more about [the city's bike program](#) and check out the city's PowerPoint presentation on "[Reimagining Public Safety: BerkDOT](#)."