

## Re: PlacesForBikes City Snapshot

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Sat 1/11/2020 11:48 AM

To: (John)Drew Gatlin <[jgatlin@morgantownwv.gov](mailto:jgatlin@morgantownwv.gov)>

Hi Drew,

We did receive your submission - thanks so much for participating! Please feel free to send along an approximate shapefile next week. We won't start running the Bicycle Network Analysis until the following week.

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Jennifer

On Fri, Jan 10, 2020 at 9:07 PM (John)Drew Gatlin <[jgatlin@morgantownwv.gov](mailto:jgatlin@morgantownwv.gov)> wrote:

Thanks for answering all these questions, Jennifer - I was able to submit our best attempt this evening.

Unfortunately I was unable to upload a shapefile of our boundaries... long story, but they are not exact at the moment.

If you all would like me to send you something approximate I am happy to ask our GIS manager for something early next week. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Best,  
Drew

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**From:** Jennifer Boldry <[docb@peopleforbikes.org](mailto:docb@peopleforbikes.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 2, 2020 10:03:28 AM  
**To:** (John)Drew Gatlin <[jgatlin@morgantownwv.gov](mailto:jgatlin@morgantownwv.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: PlacesForBikes City Snapshot

Hi Drew,

We don't ask cities to provide us with methodology so no worries there.

Relative to events, we ask that you only include events that occur within city limits. Other is the appropriate category.

Thanks again for participating.

Sincerely,

Jennifer

On Mon, Dec 30, 2019 at 11:53 AM (John)Drew Gatlin <[jgatlin@morgantownwv.gov](mailto:jgatlin@morgantownwv.gov)> wrote:

Thanks for the response, yes - I agree that consistency is key. We haven't centralized these statistics yet so I am attempting to build the protocol that we'll use going forward. Do you all request documentation from communities, or at least an outline of methodology?

Other questions, this time events related:

- If there is a Morgantown based group (a NICA chapter, for example) that works with kids who attend Morgantown schools, and who conducts rides both on trails that are within the city limits and on trails that are just outside city limits (generally under 1 mile, one major trail system is about 5 miles away), would we **only** count attendance at the events that are 100% inside city limits?
- I assume races would be classified under "other types of rides"?

Best,  
Drew

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**From:** Jennifer Boldry <[docb@peopleforbikes.org](mailto:docb@peopleforbikes.org)>  
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**To:** (John)Drew Gatlin <[jgatlin@morgantownwv.gov](mailto:jgatlin@morgantownwv.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: PlacesForBikes City Snapshot

Hi Drew,

We would typically consider crushed limestone a natural surface but the most important thing is to make sure that you categorize consistently year over year. Most cities don't have or can't distinguish between natural surface and singletrack trails so we don't differentiate.

Hope this helps!

Sincerely,

Jennifer

On Fri, Dec 27, 2019 at 9:51 AM (John)Drew Gatlin <[jgatlin@morgantownwv.gov](mailto:jgatlin@morgantownwv.gov)> wrote:  
Hi Jennifer,

One more for you - paved vs natural surface trails: is compacted crushed limestone considered a natural surface?

We have quite a few CL miles of wide and improved (but unpaved) trails that are used for low-stress commuting in our city. We distinguish between these and more singletrack-oriented trails locally, but I understand if your methodology does not.

Thanks,  
Drew

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**From:** (John)Drew Gatlin <[jgatlin@morgantownwv.gov](mailto:jgatlin@morgantownwv.gov)>  
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Jennifer,

Thanks for the clarification. Makes sense!

Best,  
Drew



In the PDF printout of the questions available on the survey splash page, it appears that a few of the questions are either missing or are counted as subsets of other questions – am I interpreting it correctly? Q1 is centerline miles, followed by Q3 (related projects), Q4 (bike share rides), and then Q6 (bike events), and so on. Are Q2 and Q5 part of previous questions?

Cheers,

Drew

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**From:** (John)Drew Gatlin <[jgatlin@morgantownwv.gov](mailto:jgatlin@morgantownwv.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 16, 2019 4:51 PM  
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Glad to hear we received 81 responses! I'll be sure to reach out with any questions.

Best,

Drew

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**From:** Jennifer Boldry <[docb@peopleforbikes.org](mailto:docb@peopleforbikes.org)>  
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**Subject:** Re: PlacesForBikes City Snapshot

Hi Drew,

Thanks for the quick response - I will add you as the primary contact for Morgantown moving forward. I apologize that we didn't get this link to you until now. We sent out the original invitations in September but had Alex listed as the primary contact.

The Community Survey closed on November 15th and we received 81 responses for Morgantown so we can use the data in the PlacesForBikes City Ratings. No need for any action on your part.

Thanks again and feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer

On Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 1:43 PM (John)Drew Gatlin <[jgatlin@morgantownwv.gov](mailto:jgatlin@morgantownwv.gov)> wrote:

Hi Jennifer,

Yes, please list me as the contact for that program moving forward -- Alex has been promoted to our Director of Public Works and is no longer in the engineering department.

I'll work to get the snapshot ready for January 10th -- quick timeline though!

Do I also need to advertise and promote completion of the community surveys by then?

Best,

Drew

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**From:** Jennifer Boldry <[docb@peopleforbikes.org](mailto:docb@peopleforbikes.org)>  
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**To:** (John)Drew Gatlin <[jgatlin@morgantownwv.gov](mailto:jgatlin@morgantownwv.gov)>  
**Subject:** PlacesForBikes City Snapshot

Hi Drew,

Thank you for your interest in the PlacesForBikes City Snapshot. We sent the invitation below to Alex Stockdale in September but please let us know if you are the appropriate contact moving forward.

We appreciate your commitment and enthusiasm for growing bicycling and look forward to releasing the results of the PlacesForBikes City Ratings!

Sincerely,

Jennifer

 [PlacesForBikes](#)

Greetings,

We're hard at work updating our City Ratings to deliver new, more accurate ratings for 2020. Last year we rated 510 U.S. cities. This year we've refined our algorithm and launched our Community Survey — now it's time to reach out to you, our city leaders, to complete a City Snapshot.

The City Snapshot is a 14-question survey about your current and planned bicycle facilities and events. The information you provide will help us make sure your scores are as accurate as possible.

All communities that submit a complete City Snapshot **by January 10th, 2020** will receive a free Bicycle Network Analysis score. Additionally, we will randomly select one city to receive an all-expenses-paid PeopleForBikes study tour valued at approximately \$20,000. The selected community can invite up to 10 participants in the Fall of 2020 to travel to a location in North America considered a peer example for best-in-class mobility planning and implementation. The selected winner will be notified in February 2020 to begin trip planning and logistics. [Learn more](#) about the PeopleForBikes study tour program.

**To ensure that only one City Snapshot is submitted per municipal area, we've created a unique link for you:** <https://s-3be420-i.sgizmo.com/s3/i-xRqonNcxQ5vvsbxlw7-3377870/?sguid=xRqonNcxQ5vvsbxlw7>

When you're ready to submit your survey, be sure you've responded to every question. Leaving a response blank will result in a lower score.

Questions about the PlacesForBikes City Ratings or City Snapshot? [Email](#) us to set up a time to chat. We look forward to receiving your completed City Snapshot!

If you have received this email in error, please forward this message to the appropriate contact at the city.

Best,

**Jennifer Boldry**

Director of Research

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