



California

RANKING # 8

REGIONAL RANKING » WEST #5

GOVERNOR: Jerry Brown

DOT COMMISSIONER: Malcolm Dougherty

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Paul Moore

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: California Bicycle Coalition

CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

4 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

4 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

3 INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

4 EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

4 EVALUATION AND PLANNING

TOP 10 SIGNS OF SUCCESS

= NEW IN 2015

1% OR MORE OF PEOPLE COMMUTING BY BIKE

SAFE PASSING LAW (3 FEET OR GREATER)

COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

DEDICATED STATE FUNDING

ACTIVE STATE ADVOCACY GROUP

STATE BICYCLE PLAN (ADOPTED 2005 OR LATER)

SHARE THE ROAD CAMPAIGN

VULNERABLE ROAD USER LAW

BICYCLE SAFETY EMPHASIS IN STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN

2% OR MORE FEDERAL FUNDS SPENT ON BIKE/PED

OVERALL POINTS

53 of 100

2014: 53 of 100

FEEDBACK

- Follow through on the Caltrans Improvement Project, which recommends that Caltrans relinquish control to local governments of state highways that operate as local streets and roads in urban areas.
- Adopt a statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five “Es”, has clear implementation actions, and performance measures to gauge success. Ensure that the plan includes high priority projects that enable multimodal trips, leverage current and future transit, and contribute to Caltrans’ mode share goal to triple biking by 2020.
- Improve upon data collection regarding bicyclist trips, injuries and fatalities on California roadways and bicycle paths. States often choose to pursue strategic partnerships with technology companies and universities in order to study and improve bicycling-related data.
- Adopt performance measures, such as a low percentage of exempted projects, to better track and support Complete Streets Policy compliance. Provide timely and dependable reporting on compliance.
- Complete the pilot research project by UC Berkeley to inventory bike facilities on the state highway system statewide
- California has a high number of bicyclist fatalities. Ensure that bicycle safety is a major emphasis in all transportation projects, programs and policies to address this issue.
- Adopt a vulnerable road user law that increases penalties for a motorist that injures or kills a bicyclist or pedestrian. Model language is available here: <http://bikeleague.org/content/model-legislation>.

The Bicycle Friendly States ranking is based on a comprehensive survey completed by state departments of transportation and state bicycling advocates. It asks comprehensive questions across 5 categories: Legislation and Enforcement, Policies and Programs, Infrastructure and Funding, Education and Encouragement, Evaluation and Planning. The results listed above provide only a snap shot of the full application. They are intended to offer some ideas for further growth in bicycle friendliness. For more information, visit www.bikeleague.org/states or contact Ken McLeod at (202)-822-1333 or ken@bikeleague.org.