



Louisiana

RANKING # 33

REGIONAL RANKING » SOUTH #8

GOVERNOR: Bobby Jindal

DOT COMMISSIONER: Sherri Lebas

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Brian Parsons

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: None

CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

3 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

3 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

2 INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

2 EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

1 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

34 of 100

2014: 32 of 100

FEEDBACK

- Dedicate state funding for bicycle projects and programs, especially those focused on safety and eliminating gaps and increasing access for bicycle networks.
- Report on performance measures, such as mode shift or a low percentage of exempted projects, which support Complete Streets Policy compliance. Ensure that performance goals are met through robust staff training on Complete Streets policies and goals.
- Conduct a bicycle economic benefit study to showcase the positive impacts of bicycling for tourism, health costs, economic development, job creation, and transportation return on investment.
- Louisiana currently does not have a statewide advocacy group. State advocacy groups promote best policies within Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and the state Department of Transportation, work with MPOs to improve the quality of bike/ped project applications, raise public awareness and support, and provide technical assistance to local advocacy groups.
- Adopt a mode share goal for biking to encourage the integration of bicycle transportation needs into all transportation and land use policy and project decisions.
- The state should spend more federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians. Adopt project prioritization criteria for federal funds that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations.
- Louisiana 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. Report on progress to achieve performance measures to decrease bicycle fatalities.