



Nebraska

RANKING # 47

REGIONAL RANKING » MIDWEST #12

GOVERNOR: Pete Ricketts

DOT COMMISSIONER: Randall Peters

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: David Schoenmaker

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Nebraska Bicycling Alliance

CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

2 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

1 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

1 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

19 of 100

2014: 22 of 100

FEEDBACK

- Adopt a statewide policy that requires bicycle accommodations on all bridge and tunnel projects. These once in a generation projects should create connections for all transportation users rather than build barriers.
- Adopt a statewide Complete Streets policy. The National Complete Streets Coalition has a model state policy and a variety of other resources to ensure adoption and implementation.
- Adopt a statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five “Es”, has clear implementation actions, and performance measures to gauge success.
- Update the state rumble strip policy to ensure compliance with the November 2011 Federal Highway Administration guidance. Require that rumble strips are not installed unless a traffic safety study proves they are necessary.
- Consider ways to increase federal funding for bicycling and walking infrastructure through federal funding programs that have not previously been used for such infrastructure. Programs like CMAQ and HSIP have been effectively used by many states for bicycling and walking projects.
- Add bicycle safety as an emphasis area in the state Strategic Highway Safety Plan and aggressively fund bike safety projects.
- Hold a state bicycle summit with opportunities for professional development, contact with elected officials, and networking.
- Adopt performance measures, such as mode shift or a low percentage of exempted projects, to better track and support Bike Accommodation Policy compliance.

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.