



Washington

RANKING # 1

REGIONAL RANKING » WEST #1

GOVERNOR: Jay Inslee

DOT COMMISSIONER: Lynn Peterson

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Paula Reeves

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Washington Bikes

CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

4 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

4 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

3 INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

5 EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

3 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

66 of 100

2014: 66 of 100

FEEDBACK

- Washington State must not get complacent. Although Washington State has been #1 for the past 8 years, the gap between #1 and #2 has steadily decreased since 2013. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) should build upon its past successes by increasing staff capacity for planning, engineering, and implementation of solutions that make bicycling and walking safer and more convenient.
- Washington State should update and revitalize its State Bicycle and Walking Plan, which was last updated 7 years ago, so that WSDOT and other state agencies have a clear vision for growing active transportation programs and projects.
- Washington State should pursue inter-agency and inter-governmental activities that use bicycling and walking as a solution to health, environmental, and other problems. Identifying and prioritizing bicycling and walking as parts of broader solutions at the state, regional, and city level will continue Washington's leadership role as a state.
- In order to adopt a Vision Zero approach, the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission needs to fully address bicycle/pedestrian safety issues via funding and programs. This should include more flexible use of state and federal funding programs that allow for more roadway reconfigurations.
- Strengthen and expand the state bicycle/pedestrian advocacy committee. The committee should include diverse representation, including user groups.
- Protect and grow dedicated state funding for Safe Routes to School, and Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety grant programs.
- Balance state transportation investments to better reflect mode share and safety needs.

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.