Summary

Missouri has two low scoring categories – Legislation & Enforcement and Evaluation & Planning. Addressing these low scoring categories is key to any improvement in Missouri’s Bicycle Friendly State ranking. While there are a range of actions that can be taken the most pressing laws are likely those related to combatting distracted driving. Missouri also lacks a bike plan, which may contribute to the state’s low ridership despite a decent amount of funding being spent on biking and walking. A statewide bike plan may allow spending to be more targeted and is likely to improve the safety and mobility of bicyclists.

Feedback Points

Create and implement a Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, including a timeline for creation of regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans in each of Missouri’s transportation planning regions.

Build upon MoDOT’s current program that routinely considers sidewalk and ADA needs in all projects, to more thoroughly consider needs of all non-motorized users, including those of bicyclists, in all projects. Dedicate more funding to meeting those needs.

Adopt a law allowing transportation agencies to post 20 mph or lower speed limits under certain circumstances.

Provide specific training to engineers and planners on how to plan, design, and implement bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, including protected bike lanes, safe rural bicycling routes, and other facilities that have become more widespread in recent years.

Significant changes in best practices have occurred recently and training is essential to ensuring that communities in your state have access to the best possible solutions for their bicycle and pedestrian safety and mobility issues.

Missouri should adopt at least two laws that are commonly found in other states in order to combat distracted driving. Missouri should adopt a primary enforcement texting ban for all drivers. Missouri should also adopt a state law that requires the use of a hands-free device for cell phone use while driving to combat distracted driving.

The Bicycle Friendly States ranking is based on a comprehensive survey completed by state departments of transportation and state bicycling advocates. For more information, visit bikeleague.org/states or contact Ken McLeod at (202)-822-1333 or ken@bikeleague.org.
Missouri Report Card: Detailed Category Scores

The Category Scores below are aggregated from smaller sub-categories—each of which is sorted in descending order, from the topic with the highest possible points available to least.

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<th>Infrastructure &amp; Funding</th>
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| **Design and Existence of Infrastructure**
  Has the state made it easy to build bicycle infrastructure and installed a variety of infrastructure on state facilities? | 26/38 pts |
| **State Transportation Funding**
  Does the state report that funding is allocated to bicycling? | 15/28 pts |
| **Use of Federal Transportation Funding**
  Does the state take advantage of available federal funding for biking and walking? | 8/16 pts |
| **Planned and Recently Built Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities**
  How many lane miles of bicycle and pedestrian facilities has the state reportedly planned to build and built? | 10/10 pts |
| **State Transportation Funding Restrictions**
  Does the state have any policies that limit the ability to fund bicycling and walking infrastructure? | 8/8 pts |
| **Total of Possible 100 Points:** | 67/100 pts |

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| **Complete Streets**
  Does the state have a complete streets policy and processes to support its implementation? | 37/56 pts |
| **Design and Access Policies**
  Does the state have policies in place to ensure good design and access for people who bike and walk? | 15/25 pts |
| **State of Practice Development**
  Does the state support trainings on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and complete streets implementation? | 6/13 pts |
| **Sustainable Transportation Policies**
  Does the state work incorporate multi-disciplinary considerations in the development and implementation of transportation projects? | 3/6 pts |
| **Total of Possible 100 Points:** | 61/100 pts |

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| **State DOT Education & Encouragement Support**
  Does the state DOT support bicycling and walking events and education materials? | 25/35 pts |
| **Mode Share**
  Do many people bike to work and is that number increasing relative to other modes? | 2/30 pts |
| **Driver Education Requirements**
  Does the state require drivers to answer questions about bicyclist safety as part of the driver’s licensing test? | 10/20 pts |
| **Advocacy**
  Does the state have a bicycle advocacy group that is a member of the League of American Bicyclists or was identified by the state? | 15/15 pts |
| **Total of Possible 100 Points:** | 52/100 pts |

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| **State DOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Plans**
  Does the state have a bicycle and/or pedestrian plan and does that plan follow best practices? | 12/48 pts |
| **Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety**
  Has the state made bicyclist and pedestrian safety an emphasis and what does data say about safety? | 29/34 pts |
| **Understanding People who Bike and Walk**
  Does the state have programs in place to collect data on people who walk and bike? | 2/10 pts |
| **Formal User Group Engagement**
  Does the state have an official Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Advisory Committee and does it follow best practices? | 0/8 pts |
| **Total of Possible 100 Points:** | 43/100 pts |

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| **Laws that regulate driver behavior and methods of enforcement**
  Does the state have strong comprehensive distracted driving laws and allow photo enforcement? | 9/37 pts |
| **Laws that restrict the behavior of people who bike and walk**
  How does the state unnecessarily restrict the behavior of people who bike and walk? (low points = more restrictions) | 28/28 pts |
| **Laws that create protections for people who bike and walk**
  Does the state have laws that provide specific protections for people who bike and walk? | 14/25 pts |
| **Laws that influence the built environment**
  Does the state allow speed limits of 20 mph or less? | 0/10 pts |
| **Total of Possible 100 Points:** | 51/100 pts |

Dig into the data: Robust interactive report + Downloads
The Bicycle Friendly State survey used to create this ranking is also the basis for a biennial report. Explore tons of bicycling, walking, & health data on states and cities at bikingandwalkingbenchmarks.org.
Feedback Points, CONTINUED

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...driving and increase safety for everyone. Requiring the use of a hands-free device makes enforcement of texting laws easier by providing clearer evidence for enforcement.

Missouri has transportation funding issues that affect all people, including bicyclists and pedestrians. The state legislature and DOT should work with localities and advocates to craft a transportation funding solution that assures significant investments in safe bicycling and walking infrastructure, in addition to funds needed to maintain the current road system.

SMART CYCLING RESOURCES

Bike Safety Education is a key component to keeping roadways safe for all users. Having League Cycling Instructors (LCIs) in your state creates more opportunities for bike safety education to be shared. LCIs are certified by the League through an intense 3-day seminar focused on how to effectively deliver the Smart Cycling curriculum. To host a LCI seminar in your state, contact education@bikeleague.org.

Visit bikeleague.org/ridesmart to access Smart Cycling videos, Smart Cycling Quick Guides (available in English & Spanish), and Smart Cycling manuals.

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WE BELIEVE

Bicycling brings people together. When more people ride bikes:

» Life is better for everyone;
» Communities are safer, stronger and better connected;
» Our nation is healthier, economically stronger, environmentally cleaner and more energy independent.

OUR VISION

is a nation where everyone recognizes and enjoys the many benefits and opportunities of bicycling.

OUR MISSION

is to lead the movement to create a Bicycle Friendly America for everyone. As leaders, our commitment is to listen and learn, define standards and share best practices to engage diverse communities and build a powerful, unified voice for change.

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