



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD

FLORIDA

RANKED

10

OF 50

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:
FLORIDA BICYCLE ASSOCIATION

Successes & Suggestions

The Bicycle Friendly State report card is based on over 100 data points for each state and input from state agencies and advocates. Based on the information we obtained for Florida, the League of American Bicyclists believes the following actions will improve the safety, comfort, and accessibility of bicycling in Florida.

Florida has been unique in reporting a traffic safety target of zero fatalities and serious injuries to FHWA. While Florida also reports interim targets that do not always reflect a decrease in fatalities and serious injuries, this unique approach is a strong indication of the state's commitment to creating a vision zero culture. Florida should continue to lean into prioritizing safety over speed and change its agency culture to put safety first.

Florida is in the process of updating its Florida Transportation Plan, which includes three elements: a Vision Element, Policy Element, and Implementation Element. Now is a great time for people who care about bicycling and walking to make their voices heard and ensure that these elements support more and safer bicycling and walking. The updated Florida Transportation Plan is expected to be adopted in late 2020.

Congratulations on making progress on Florida DOT's effort to install \$100 million in LED lighting at intersections to improve the visibility of people who bike and walk. This 5-year effort is nearly 50% implemented and will address the many crashes that occur in low-light conditions.

The Florida DOT is engaging a Multi-Modal Site Impact Working Group to conduct local and regional workshops for local government constituents to support improvements for people biking and walking, including statewide data on biking and walking trips. Advocates should support local governments in engaging in this process and site visits.

Congratulations to the Florida legislature, law enforcement, and traffic safety advocates for adopting a ban on texting while driving. This new law should be implemented through coordinated high visibility enforcement, public messaging, and driver education.

Florida has a history of poor bicycle and pedestrian safety. The state DOT has taken significant steps to improve infrastructure for people who bike and walk, but will need to continue to develop appropriate facilities for communities that often require crossing high speed roads in order to reach places by biking or walking.

Florida 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.

Repeal the state's mandatory bike lane law. These types of laws ignore the quality and safety of available bike lanes and their suitability for different types of bicyclists.

	Infrastructure & Funding	B+
	Education & Encouragement	B
	Legislation & Enforcement	C
	Policies & Programs	B+
	Evaluation & Planning	B

Get the full breakdown of each category and grade average on the next page.

Bicycle Friendly Actions bikeleague.org/bicycle-friendly-actions	Action Taken?
Complete Streets Law / Policy	✓
Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	✓
Statewide bike plan last 10 years	
2% or more federal funds on bike/ped	✓
Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area	✓


Federal Data on Biking		Rank
Ridership	0.7% of commuters biking to work	18/50
Safety	23.7 fatalities per 10K bike commuters ⁱⁱ	47/50
Spending	\$3.52 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking ⁱⁱⁱ	11/50


ⁱ This figure is based upon the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimate.


ⁱⁱ This figure is based upon fatalities reported over a five-year period according to the National Highway Administration (NHTSA)'s Fatality Analysis Reporting System and the 2015 5-year ACS estimate of the number of bicycle commuters.


ⁱⁱⁱ FHWA spending is based upon projects coded using any of three project types associated with bicycling and walking projects through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)'s Fiscal Management Information System. To calculate per capita spending we used a five-year average for fiscal years 2011-2016 and the 2015 5-year ACS state population estimate.


Category Breakdown: FLORIDA

 Infrastructure & Funding Ranked 1 of 50 States B+	
DESIGN AND EXISTENCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE Has the state made it easy to build bicycle infrastructure and installed a variety of infrastructure on state facilities?	A
STATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING Does the state allocate funding to bicycling or limit state funding for bicycling?	B
USE OF FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING Does the state take advantage of available federal funding for biking and walking?	B+
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?	C

 Policies & Programs Ranked 4 of 50 States B+	
COMPLETE STREETS Does the state have a complete streets policy and processes to support its implementation?	B
DESIGN AND ACCESS POLICIES Does the state have policies in place to ensure good design and access for people who bike and walk?	B+
STATE OF PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT Does the state support trainings on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and complete streets implementation?	B+
SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION POLICIES Does the state work incorporate multi-disciplinary considerations in the development and implementation of transportation projects?	B+

 Education & Encouragement Ranked 8 of 50 States B	
STATE DOT EDUCATION & ENCOURAGEMENT SUPPORT Does the state DOT support bicycling and walking events and education materials?	A
MODE SHARE & ADVOCACY Do people bike to work and are they organized to advocate for improvements?	B

 Evaluation & Planning Ranked 19 of 50 States B	
STATE DOT BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLANS Does the state have a bicycle and/or pedestrian plan and does that plan follow best practices?	B
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY Has the state made bicyclist and pedestrian safety an emphasis and what does data say about safety?	C-
UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE WHO BIKE AND WALK Does the state have programs in place to collect data on people who walk and bike?	B
FORMAL USER GROUP ENGAGEMENT Does the state have an official Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Advisory Committee and does it follow best practices?	A

 Legislation & Enforcement Ranked 28 of 50 States C	
LAWS THAT REGULATE DRIVER BEHAVIOR AND METHODS OF ENFORCEMENT Does the state have strong comprehensive distracted driving laws and allow photo enforcement?	B-
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?	D
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?	A

SEE THE BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE DATABASE MAP:
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The Bicycle Friendly State 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.



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