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 Indiana, the League of American Bicyclists believes the following actions will improve the safety, comfort, and accessibility of bicycling in Indiana.

The Interagency Bicycle Trails Task Force has proven that the Governor and executive branch of Indiana has made bicycling and walking a priority for the state’s well-being. Examples of interagency efforts range from the creation of a Statewide Visionary Trails Network to a MOU between INDOT, ISDH, and DNR for workshops and training. This interagency collaboration is a great step for bicycling and walking, and should be an example for other states.

INDOT has recently embarked on a statewide mobility corridor study in support of its long-range transportation plan. Consider lessons from Washington State’s DOT which has recently created corridor portfolios to better highlight multimodal needs and the ways in which corridors do more than move cars.

Congratulations on adopting INDOT’s Active Transportation Planning effort “Moving Indiana Toward an Active State.” This is an important step in strengthening INDOT’s relationships with local partners and institutional processes related to biking and walking.

Congratulations on adopting a safe passing law, which requires drivers to provide a safe passing distance of at least three feet when overtaking a person bicycling. Make sure that this law is publicized to law enforcement and the public through a coordinated safety messaging campaign.

Indiana is taking a number of exciting steps to improve conditions for people who bike and walk. To help ensure that these initiatives are given support over time, the legislature and Indiana DOT should create a dedicated funding program within the DOT’s budget to make improvements routine and provide capacity for continued efforts.

The Indiana legislature should pass a Complete Streets law that requires bicycle accommodations on all transportation projects and it given applicants technical assistance, including a Trails Cost Calculator tool. Indiana should continue to pursue inter-agency partnerships like this one and build support for bicycling across state agencies.

Commute to work data is one of the rare national datasets on the prevalence of bicycling. While this data captures less than a quarter of bicycle trips, it illustrates the likelihood that bicycling is a viable transportation option. Indiana has a lower than average bike commuting rate and should make it a priority to provide a viable bicycle network system in its communities, particularly where state roads pose a barrier to bicycling.

Adopt a law prohibiting a motorist from opening an automobile’s door unless the motorist is able to do so safely.

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.

Get the full breakdown of each category and grade average on the next page.
### Category Breakdown: INDIANA

**Infrastructure & Funding**

- **Ranked 10 of 50 States**
- **Complete Streets**
  - **B-**
- **State Transportation Funding**
  - **B**
- **Use of Federal Transportation Funding**
  - **B**
- **Planned and Recently Built Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities**
  - **B**

**Policies & Programs**

- **Ranked 14 of 50 States**
- **Complete Streets**
  - **B+**
- **Design and Access Policies**
  - **C-**
- **State of Practice Development**
  - **B+**
- **Sustainable Transportation Policies**
  - **B-**

**Education & Encouragement**

- **Ranked 20 of 50 States**
- **State DOT Education & Encouragement Support**
  - **A**
- **Mode Share & Advocacy**
  - **C-**

**Legislation & Enforcement**

- **Ranked 33 of 50 States**
- **Laws That Regulate Driver Behavior and Methods of Enforcement**
  - **C-**
- **Laws That Restrict the Behavior of People Who Bike and Walk**
  - **C**
- **Laws That Create Protections for People Who Bike and Walk**
  - **B**

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