Alaska

2014 REPORT CARD

RANKING # 43

REGIONAL RANKING » WEST #12

GOVERNOR: Sean Parnell

DOT COMMISSIONER: Patrick Kemp

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Bob Laurie

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Alaska Trails

CATEGORY SCORES

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OVERALL POINTS

FEEDBACK

- Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety.
- Adopt a vulnerable road user law that increases penalties for a motorist that injures or kills a bicyclist or pedestrian.
- Adopt a statewide Complete Streets policy.
- Provide specific training to engineers and planners on how to implement the Complete Streets/ Accommodation Policy in everyday decisions.
- The state could spend more federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians. Adopt project prioritization criteria for federal funds that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations.
- Dedicate state funding for bicycle projects and programs, especially those focused on safety and eliminating gaps and increasing access for bicycle networks.
- Conduct a share the road campaign creatively addressing the issues specific to your state.
- Create a state bicycle riders manual to ensure cyclists have a pocket guide for rules of the road, relevant laws, state bike routes, and other necessary information.
- Establish a statewide bicycle advisory committee to provide accountability for bicycle projects and programs. The BAC should include diverse representation, formal inclusion in decision making, a workplan, and regularly held meetings (at least quarterly).
- Conduct a bicycle economic benefit study to showcase the positive impacts of bicycling for tourism, health costs, economic development, job creation, and transportation return on investment.

People commuting by bike (more than 1%) 
Safe passing/vulnerable road user law 
Complete streets policy 
Committed state funding 
Active state advocacy group 
State bicycle plan (adopted 2004 or later) 
Share the road campaign 
Bicycle education for police 
Bicycle safety emphasis in strategic highway safety plan 
Top 10 state for congestion mitigation and air quality spending

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 Nicole Wynands at (202)-822-1333 or nicole@bikeleague.org.