



# California

# RANKING # 9

## REGIONAL RANKING » WEST #5

GOVERNOR: Jerry Brown

DOT COMMISSIONER: Malcolm Dougherty

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Paul Moore

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: California Bicycle Coalition

## CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

4 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

4 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

3 INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

4 EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

4 EVALUATION AND PLANNING

## TOP 10 SIGNS OF SUCCESS

= NEW IN 2014

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

## OVERALL POINTS

**53.7** of 100 2013: 37.6 of 100

## FEEDBACK

- Adopt a vulnerable road user law that increases penalties for a motorist that injures or kills a bicyclist or pedestrian.
- Repeal the state's mandatory bike lane law. These types of laws ignore the quality and safety of available bike lanes.
- Adopt performance measures, such as mode shift or a low percentage of exempted projects, to better track and support Complete Streets/ Bike Accommodation Policy compliance.
- Adopt a policy requiring state office buildings, state park and recreation facilities, and other state facilities to provide bicycle parking.
- 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.
- Hold a bicycle ride sponsored by the Governor and/or legislators to show their constituents that their elected officials support bicycling.
- Adopt a statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five "Es", has clear implementation actions, and performance measures to gauge success.
- Adopt a mode share goal for biking to encourage the integration of bicycle transportation needs into all transportation and land use policy and project decisions.
- California 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.

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](http://www.bikeleague.org/states) or contact Nicole Wynands at (202)-822-1333 or [nicole@bikeleague.org](mailto:nicole@bikeleague.org).