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 snapshot 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.

**Louisiana**

**REGIONAL RANKING**

**SOUTH #7**

**GOVERNOR:** Bobby Jindal

**DOT COMMISSIONER:** Sherri Lebas

**BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR:** Brian Parson

**STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:** N/A

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**OVERALL POINTS**

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**FEEDBACK**

- Adopt a vulnerable road user law that increases penalties for a motorist that injures or kills a bicyclist or pedestrian.
- Create a system of state bike routes that are safe (e.g. wide shoulders, bike lanes, etc.), connect to destinations, and are suitable for all types of bicyclists.
- 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.
- The state is spending a low amount of federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians. Adopt project prioritization criteria for federal funds that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations.
- Add language to the driver’s license tests that addresses the interaction between motor vehicles and bicycles.
- Louisiana currently does not have a statewide advocacy group. State advocacy groups promote best policies within Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and the state Department of Transportation, work with MPOs to improve the quality of bike/ped project applications, raise public awareness and support, and provide technical assistance to local advocacy groups.
- Hold a state bicycle summit with opportunities for professional development, contact with elected officials, and networking.
- Adopt performance measures to decrease bicycle fatalities.
- 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.

**TOP 10 SIGNS OF SUCCESS**

- 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