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.

**Maryland**

**RANKING # 7**

**REGIONAL RANKING >> EAST #2**

**GOVERNOR:** Martin O’Malley  
**DOT SECRETARY:** James T. Smith, Jr.  
**BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR:** Michael Jackson  
**STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:** Bike Maryland

### CATEGORY SCORES

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### 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

**OVERALL POINTS**

53.8 of 100  
2013: 50.5 of 100

**FEEDBACK**

- Adopt a law allowing transportation agencies to post 20 mph or lower speed limits under certain circumstances.
- Repeal the state’s mandatory bike lane law. These types of laws ignore the quality and safety of available bike lanes.
- Integrate bicycle enforcement training into the police academy curriculum for new officers. At a minimum, mandate the viewing of the new Maryland bicycle law enforcement video for officers.
- Provide specific training to engineers and planners on how to implement the Complete Streets/Bike Accommodation Policy in everyday decisions.
- Legalize crossing of the double yellow line to give a bicyclist 3 feet of passing space.
- 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 could spend more federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians. Adopt project prioritization criteria for federal funds that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations.
- Dedicate additional resources towards fully implementing the state’s bicycle plan.
- 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.
- Include counts for cyclists in the current SHA survey of every intersection that needs improvements or upgrades.