# Massachusetts

**Ranking #10**

**Regional Ranking >> East #3**

**Governor:** Deval Patrick  
**DOT Commissioner:** Richard Davey  
**Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator:** Josh Lehman  
**State Advocacy Group:** MassBike

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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**

### 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 law allowing transportation agencies to post 20 mph or lower speed limits under certain circumstances.
- Adopt a policy requiring state office buildings, state park and recreation facilities, and other state facilities to provide bicycle parking.
- Since arterial and collector roads are the backbone of every transportation network, it is essential to provide adequate bicycle facilities along these roads. Increase the percentage of state highway network that has paved shoulders or bike lanes greater or equal to 4 feet wide.
- The state could spend more federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians. Adopt project prioritization criteria for federal funds that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations.
- 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.