Michigan

REGIONAL RANKING ➤ MIDWEST #4

GOVERNOR: Rick Snyder

DOT COMMISSIONER: Kirk Steudle

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Joshua DeBruyn

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: League of Michigan Bicyclists

OVERALL POINTS

50.1 of 100

2013: 50.0 of 100

BREAKDOWN:

- LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT: 3
- POLICIES AND PROGRAMS: 4
- INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING: 2
- EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT: 4
- EVALUATION AND PLANNING: 1

RANKING # 14

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 prohibiting a motorist from opening an automobile’s door unless the motorist is able to do so safely.
- Provide specific training to engineers and planners on how to implement the Complete Streets/Bike Accommodation Policy in everyday decisions.
- 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.
- The state could spend more federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians. Adopt project prioritization criteria for federal funds that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations.
- 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.
- Ensure that bicycle safety is a major emphasis in all transportation projects, programs and policies.