



# Montana

# RANKING # 49

REGIONAL RANKING » WEST #13

GOVERNOR: Steve Bullock

DOT COMMISSIONER: Mike Tooley

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Angie Zanin

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Bike Walk Montana

## CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

**2** LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

**1** POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

**1** INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

**2** EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

**1** 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

# 17.9 of 100

2013: 23.2 of 100

## FEEDBACK

- Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety.
- Include the NACTO Urban bikeway design guide as a reference in your state bicycle design manual.
- Adopt a statewide Complete Streets policy.
- Update the state rumble strip policy to ensure compliance with the November 2011 Federal Highway Administration guidance. Require that rumble strips are not installed unless a traffic safety study proves they are necessary.
- Dedicate state funding for bicycle projects and programs, especially those focused on safety and eliminating gaps and increasing access for bicycle networks.
- Create a system of state bike routes that are safe, connect to destinations, and are suitable for all types of bicyclists. Partner with advocacy groups on identifying Scenic Bikeways in Montana to increase bicycle tourism.
- Adopt a statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five “Es”, has clear implementation actions, and performance measures to gauge success.
- Add bicycle safety as an emphasis area in the state Strategic Highway Safety Plan and aggressively fund bike safety projects.
- Establish a statewide bicycle advisory committee to provide accountability for bicycle projects and programs. The BAC should include diverse representation, formal inclusion in decision making, a workplan, and regularly held meetings (at least quarterly).
- Adopt performance measures to

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).