



New Jersey

RANKING # 12

REGIONAL RANKING » EAST #4

GOVERNOR: Chris Christie

DOT COMMISSIONER: James Simpson

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Debbie Kingsland

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: NJ Bike + Walk Coalition

CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

3 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

4 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

2 INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

4 EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

2 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

53.0 of 100 2013: 53.4 of 100

FEEDBACK

- Adopt a safe passing law to address bicyclist safety.
- Adopt a vulnerable road user law that increases penalties for a motorist that injures or kills a bicyclist or pedestrian.
- Update state traffic laws regarding bicyclists riding “as far right as practicable” to include the four exemptions listed in the Uniform Vehicle Code.
- Adopt a law prohibiting a motorist from opening an automobile’s door unless the motorist is able to do so safely.
- Integrate bicycle enforcement training into the police academy curriculum for new officers. Instructor training is offered by the International Police Mountain Bike Association, the Law Enforcement Bicycle Association and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
- Adopt a statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five “Es”, has clear implementation actions, and performance measures to gauge success.
- Adopt performance measures to decrease bicycle fatalities.
- Increase transparency of the planning process of major road projects. Reach out to statewide and local bicycle advocacy groups for input early in the process.
- Update roadway design guidelines based on the most current AASHTO and NACTO recommendations.
- Except bicycles from Title 39 to allow cyclists to ride in the shoulder.