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**New York**

**REGIONAL RANKING >> EAST #11**

GOVERNOR: Andrew Cuomo

DOT COMMISSIONER: Joan McDonald

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Eric Ophardt

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: New York Bicycling Coalition

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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.
- Develop a Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) curriculum for bicycling enforcement both for new officers and continuing education.
- Provide specific training to engineers and planners on how to implement the Complete Streets Policy in everyday decisions.
- 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 state funding for bicycle projects and programs, especially those focused on safety and eliminating gaps and increasing access for bicycle networks.
- 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.
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- Conduct a bicycle economic benefit study to showcase the positive impacts of bicycling for tourism, health costs and economic development.
- Ensure that bicycle safety is a major emphasis in all transportation projects, programs and policies to address this issue.
- NYS DOT should officially endorse the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide and encourage its use on the state highway network in urban areas, including collector and arterial roadways.