Rhode Island

REGIONAL RANKING >> EAST #10

GOVERNOR: Lincoln Chafee
DOT COMMISSIONER: Michael Lewis
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Steven Church
STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Rhode Island Bicycle Coalition

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FEEDBACK

- Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety.
- Adopt a law allowing transportation agencies to post 20 mph or lower speed limits under certain circumstances.
- Adopt a vulnerable road user law that increases penalties for a motorist that injures or kills a bicyclist or pedestrian.
- 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.
- Dedicate state funding for bicycle projects and programs, especially those focused on safety and eliminating gaps and increasing access for bicycle networks.
- Add language to the driver’s license tests that addresses the interaction between motor vehicles and bicycles.
- Conduct a share the road campaign creatively addressing the issues specific to your state.
- Hold a state bicycle summit with opportunities for professional development, contact with elected officials, and networking.
- Update your state bicycle master plan. The plan update should evaluate and build on the previous bicycle master plan, and reflect changes in bicycle user needs.
- Adopt performance measures to decrease bicycle fatalities.