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 snapshot 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 or contact Nicole Wynands at (202) 822-1333 or nicole@bikeleague.org.

**South Dakota**

**RANKING # 39**

**REGIONAL RANKING ➞ MIDWEST #9**

GOVERNOR: Dennis Daugaard

DOT COMMISSIONER: Darin Bergquist

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Jerry Ortbahn

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: South Dakota Bicycle 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

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**OVERALL POINTS**

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**FEEDBACK**

- Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety.
- Adopt a statewide Complete Streets policy.
- Adopt a state bicycle design manual that includes design drawings, guidance on when to use established and innovative design treatments, and public engagement.
- Ensure that no funds from the Transportation Alternatives program are transferred for purposes other than bicycling and walking projects.
- 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 more state funding for bicycle projects and programs, especially those focused on safety and eliminating gaps and increasing access for bicycle networks.
- 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.
- 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.