



Alabama

RANKING # 50

REGIONAL RANKING » SOUTH #13

GOVERNOR: Robert Bentley

DOT COMMISSIONER: John Cooper

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Mary Lou Crenshaw

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Alabama Bicycle Coalition

CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

1 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

2 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

1 INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

1 EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

1 EVALUATION AND PLANNING

TOP 10 SIGNS OF SUCCESS

= NEW IN 2015

1% OR MORE OF PEOPLE COMMUTING BY BIKE

SAFE PASSING LAW (3 FEET OR GREATER)

COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

DEDICATED STATE FUNDING



ACTIVE STATE ADVOCACY GROUP



STATE BICYCLE PLAN (ADOPTED 2005 OR LATER)

SHARE THE ROAD CAMPAIGN

VULNERABLE ROAD USER LAW

BICYCLE SAFETY EMPHASIS IN STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN

2% OR MORE FEDERAL FUNDS SPENT ON BIKE/PED

OVERALL POINTS

12 of 100

2014: 17 of 100

FEEDBACK

- Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety.
- Alabama has a high rate of bicyclist fatalities. Ensure that bicycle safety is a major emphasis in all transportation projects, programs and policies to address this issue.
- Adopt a state bicycle design manual that includes design drawings, guidance on when to use established and innovative design treatments, and public engagement.
- Consider updating your state bike plan or more fully incorporating bicycling as a mode of transportation into other long-range plans. Alabama currently has few people who regularly use a bicycle for transportation and a high fatality rate based on those who do. Without incorporating bicycling as a transportation option into future plans Alabama may continue to miss out on the health, economic, and community benefits of bicycling.
- Provide specific training to engineers and planners on how to implement the state's bicycle Accommodation 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.
- Collect data regarding enforcement actions against motorists based on incidents with bicycles, such as traffic tickets issued, prosecutions, or convictions. For an example of statewide traffic enforcement data see: <http://services.flhsmv.gov/specialtyplates/uniformtrafficcitationreport>.
- Adopt a policy requiring state office buildings, state park and recreation facilities, and other state facilities to provide bicycle parking.

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 or contact Ken McLeod at (202)-822-1333 or ken@bikeleague.org.