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

**Louisiana**

**REGIONAL RANKING ➤ SOUTH #8**

**GOVERNOR:** Bobby Jindal  
**DOT COMMISSIONER:** Sherri Lebas  
**BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR:** Brian Parsons  
**STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:** None

**CATEGORY SCORES**

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**TOP 10 SIGNS OF SUCCESS**

- 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

**FEEDBACK**

- Dedicate state funding for bicycle projects and programs, especially those focused on safety and eliminating gaps and increasing access for bicycle networks.
- Report on performance measures, such as mode shift or a low percentage of exempted projects, which support Complete Streets Policy compliance. Ensure that performance goals are met through robust staff training on Complete Streets policies and goals.
- Conduct a bicycle economic benefit study to showcase the positive impacts of bicycling for tourism, health costs, economic development, job creation, and transportation return on investment.
- Louisiana currently does not have a statewide advocacy group. State advocacy groups promote best policies within Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and the state Department of Transportation. Work with MPOs to improve the quality of bike/ped project applications, raise public awareness and support, and provide technical assistance to local advocacy groups.
- Adopt a mode share goal for biking to encourage the integration of bicycle transportation needs into all transportation and land use policies and project decisions.
- The state should spend more federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians. Adopt project prioritization criteria for federal funds that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations.
- Louisiana has a high number of bicyclist fatalities. Ensure that bicycle safety is a major emphasis in all transportation projects, programs, and policies to address this issue. Report on progress to achieve performance measures to decrease bicycle fatalities.