



Michigan

RANKING # 18

REGIONAL RANKING » MIDWEST #5

GOVERNOR: Rick Snyder

DOT COMMISSIONER: Kirk Steudle

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Joshua DeBruyn

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: League of Michigan Bicyclists

CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

2 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

4 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

2 INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

4 EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

2 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

43 of 100

2014: 50 of 100

FEEDBACK

- Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety.
- Adopt a vulnerable road user law that increases penalties for a motorist that injures or kills a bicyclist or pedestrian. Model language is available here: <http://bikeleague.org/content/model-legislation>.
- Provide trainings on Michigan DOT's updated Chapter 12.12 of the Road Design Manual that provides guidance on the design of bicycle facilities including bicycle lanes, shared lane markings and shared use pathways. Ensure that Michigan DOT staff and local engineers are aware of the update and that the most current designs are used in projects.
- Adopt a law prohibiting a motorist from opening an automobile's door unless the motorist is able to do so safely. Michigan is one of only 10 states to not have this type of law.
- Adopt a statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five "Es", has clear implementation actions, and performance measures to gauge success.
- Dedicate state funding for bicycle projects and programs, especially those focused on safety and eliminating gaps and increasing access for bicycle networks. Consider ways to incentivize bicycle supportive local policies, like Complete Streets, through competitive grant funding programs.
- Continue to provide specific training to engineers and planners on how to implement the Complete Streets in everyday decisions. Work with local engineers and planners to spread Complete Streets implementation to non-state roads.
- Michigan 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.

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.