



# Pennsylvania

## RANKING # 12

### REGIONAL RANKING » EAST #5

GOVERNOR: Tom Wolf

DOT COMMISSIONER: Leslie Richards

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Brian Sanders

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: PA Walks and Bikes

### CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

**3** LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

**4** POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

**3** INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

**3** 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

# 48

 of 100

2014: 41 of 100

### FEEDBACK

- Create an adequately staffed Bike/Ped Office within PennDOT to administer a competitive grant fund program and implement bike/ped programs within PennDOT and its District offices.
- Conduct a nationwide search and promptly hire full-time Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinators for the Central Office and Districts 6, 8 and 11; hire 25% FTE Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinators for other District Offices.
- Repeal the policy requiring municipalities to accept maintenance and liability responsibilities for bicycle facilities that are placed on state roads within their jurisdictions. Until then, issue a "Strike-Off" letter to all District Offices that details PennDOT's new policy for how municipalities can request new bike lanes on state roads that meet the requirements of the Bicycle Occupancy Permit and not require municipalities to assume all maintenance of bicycle facilities in the existing roadway.
- Issue a "Strike-Off" letter to all District Offices that provides guidance on how they can use the NACTO Urban Street Design Guide and the Urban Bikeway Design Guide.
- Provide funding for consultant contract to conduct a comprehensive and robust update of the 2007 State Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan
- Develop a data-driven cost estimate of building out all proposed bicycle and pedestrian facilities, trails and bicycle routes for inclusion in the state's Long Range Transportation Plan.
- Congratulations on adopting Act 89, which created a statewide multimodal fund and provides a minimum of \$2 million per year for bicycle and pedestrian projects in the state. Ensure that funding from Act 89 is distributed promptly and that all state investments account for people who bike and walk.

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](http://www.bikeleague.org/states) or contact Ken McLeod at (202)-822-1333 or [ken@bikeleague.org](mailto:ken@bikeleague.org).