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BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES 3
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Summary

New Mexico has never been ranked higher than 40 and this is largely reflected in its category scores, which show the state ranking consistently low. For 2017, there are some positive signs such as the state legislature adopting a complete streets resolution, recognizing the complete streets efforts of local governments and the importance of complete streets to "connecting, supporting, and building vibrant communities."

It would be great to see New Mexico take the next step and create a comprehensive complete street policy for the state. Our data points to a lack of design and access policies that ensure that bicyclists are considered during the course of all roadway projects and that appropriate design guidance and training exists. A comprehensive complete streets policy with a strong implementation plan would likely address these deficiencies.

Feedback Points

NMDOT is starting the process to create a Statewide Prioritized Bicycle Network Plan. Public input and understanding is critical for the successful adoption and implementation of this plan. NMDOT should work with stakeholders and advocates to understand community needs, current examples of successful NMDOT bicycle projects, and how NMDOT processes can be changed to ensure that successful projects become more common.

Consider ways to incentivize local plans and land-use policies to be more supportive and encouraging of density and mixture of uses, which would ultimately support walking, bicycling and transit usage.

Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety.

Provide specific training to engineers and planners on how to plan, design, and implement bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, including protected bike lanes, safe rural bicycling routes, road diets, and other facilities that have become more widespread in recent years. Significant changes in best practices have occurred recently and training is essential to ensuring that communities in your state have access to the best possible solutions for their bicycle and pedestrian safety and mobility issues.

Adopt a statewide Complete Streets policy. The National Complete Streets Coalition has a model state policy and a variety of other resources to ensure adoption and implementation.

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Comparison States table with columns: National (Overall), Western Region (out of 13). Rows include Wyoming, Kentucky, New Mexico, Montana, Oklahoma, Alaska, Wyoming, New Mexico, Montana, Hawaii.

Categories table with columns: Categories, Rank out of 50. Rows include Infrastructure & Funding (35), Education & Encouragment (42), Legislation & Enforcement (38), Policies & Programs (37), Evaluation & Planning (25).

Bicycle Friendly Actions table with columns: Action, Status (Progress/New in 2017). Rows include Complete Streets Law / Policy, Safe Passing Law (3ft+), Statewide bike plan last 10 years, 2% or more fed funds on bike/ped, Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area.

Federal Data on Biking table with columns: Category, Value, Rank. Rows include Ridership (0.8% of commuters, 14/50), Safety (8.3 fatalities per 10k bike commuters, 28/50), Spending (\$2.84 per capita, 15/50).


i This figure is based upon the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimate.


ii This figure is based upon fatalities reported over a five-year period according to the National Highway Administration (NHTSA)'s Fatality Analysis Reporting System and the 2015 5-year ACS estimate of the number of bicycle commuters.


iii FHWA spending is based upon projects coded using any of three project types associated with bicycling and walking projects through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)'s Fiscal Management Information System. To calculate per capita spending we used a five-year average for fiscal years 2011-2016 and the 2015 5-year ACS state population estimate.





The Category Scores below are aggregated from smaller sub-categories—each of which is sorted in descending order, from the topic with the highest possible points available to least.

 Infrastructure & Funding Ranked 35 th of 50 States	
Design and Existence of Infrastructure Has the state made it easy to build bicycle infrastructure and installed a variety of infrastructure on state facilities?	20/38 pts
State Transportation Funding Does the state report that funding is allocated to bicycling?	8/28 pts
Use of Federal Transportation Funding Does the state take advantage of available federal funding for biking and walking?	10/16 pts
Planned and Recently Built Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities How many lane miles of bicycle and pedestrian facilities has the state reportedly planned to build and built?	0/10 pts
State Transportation Funding Restrictions Does the state have any policies that limit the ability to fund bicycling and walking infrastructure?	5/8 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 43/100 pts	

 Policies & Programs Ranked 37 th of 50 States	
Complete Streets Does the state have a complete streets policy and processes to support its implementation?	26/56 pts
Design and Access Policies Does the state have policies in place to ensure good design and access for people who bike and walk?	0/25 pts
State of Practice Development Does the state support trainings on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and complete streets implementation?	9/13 pts
Sustainable Transportation Policies Does the state work incorporate multi-disciplinary considerations in the development and implementation of transportation projects?	2/6 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 37/100 pts	

 Education & Encouragement Ranked 42 nd of 50 States	
State DOT Education & Encouragement Support Does the state DOT support bicycling and walking events and education materials?	10/35 pts
Mode Share Do many people bike to work and is that number increasing relative to other modes?	12/30 pts
Driver Education Requirements Does the state require drivers to answer questions about bicyclist safety as part of the driver's licensing test?	5/20 pts
Advocacy Does the state have a bicycle advocacy group that is a member of the League of American Bicyclists or was identified by the state?	15/15 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 42/100 pts	

 Evaluation & Planning Ranked 25 th of 50 States	
State DOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Plans Does the state have a bicycle and/or pedestrian plan and does that plan follow best practices?	28/48 pts
Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Has the state made bicyclist and pedestrian safety an emphasis and what does data say about safety?	24/34 pts
Understanding People who Bike and Walk Does the state have programs in place to collect data on people who walk and bike?	8/10 pts
Formal User Group Engagement Does the state have an official Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Advisory Committee and does it follow best practices?	0/8 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 60/100 pts	

 Legislation & Enforcement Ranked 38 th of 50 States	
Laws that regulate driver behavior and methods of enforcement Does the state have strong comprehensive distracted driving laws and allow photo enforcement?	24/37 pts
Laws that restrict the behavior of people who bike and walk How does the state unnecessarily restrict the behavior of people who bike and walk? (low points = more restrictions)	16/28 pts
Laws that create protections for people who bike and walk Does the state have laws that provide specific protections for people who bike and walk?	7/25 pts
Laws that influence the built environment Does the state allow speed limits of 20 mph or less?	7/10 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 54/100 pts	

Dig into the data: Robust interactive report + Downloads

The Bicycle Friendly State survey used to create this ranking is also the basis for a biennial report. Explore tons of bicycling, walking, & health data on states and cities at bikingandwalkingbenchmarks.org.

BICYCLING & WALKING in the United States 2016
Alliance for Bicycling & Walking
BENCHMARKING REPORT

U.S. Trips, by Mode of Transportation

41%	All Other Modes
10%	Walking/Bike
1%	Stroller/Tram
2%	Public Transit
83%	Car, Van, SUV, and RV Trip

% of kids who walked to school

2007: 11.9%
2013: 15.2%



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE RANKING OVERALL (OUT OF 50)

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Adopt a vulnerable road user law that increases penalties for a motorist that injures or kills a bicyclist or pedestrian.

New Mexico should spend more federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians. Current federal spending on biking and walking projects is lower than the 2% set-aside provided in federal law. Adopt project prioritization criteria for federal funds that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations.



ABOUT THE LEAGUE & MEMBERSHIP

Support the League by becoming a member today and add your voice to the bicycling movement! Over 75% of our funding comes from individuals. Members support our time-tested programs like Bicycle Friendly America, Smart Cycling and Federal Advocacy. As a member, you'll enjoy valuable perks like *Bicycling Magazine*, discounts at dozens of national bike retailers and manufacturers, and exclusive pricing to the National Bike Summit. Together, let's advance bicycling on Capitol Hill and in your community!

WE BELIEVE

Bicycling brings people together. When more people ride bikes:

- » Life is better for everyone;
- » Communities are safer, stronger and better connected;
- » Our nation is healthier, economically stronger, environmentally cleaner and more energy independent.

OUR VISION

is a nation where everyone recognizes and enjoys the many benefits and opportunities of bicycling.

OUR MISSION

is to lead the movement to create a Bicycle Friendly America for everyone. As leaders, our commitment is to listen and learn, define standards and share best practices to engage diverse communities and build a powerful, unified voice for change.

SMART CYCLING RESOURCES



Bike Safety Education is a key component to keeping roadways safe for all users. Having League Cycling Instructors (LCIs) in your state creates more opportunities for bike safety education to be shared. LCIs are certified by the League through an intense 3-day seminar focused on how to effectively deliver the Smart Cycling curriculum. To host a LCI seminar in your state, contact education@bikeleague.org.

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