Summary

Oklahoma’s category scores reflect that there are many places where Oklahoma’s efforts related to bicycling could be improved, but there is one outstanding issue that rises above all others. That issue is spending – or lack thereof.

Oklahoma spends the least federal funding on bicycling and walking of any state – both as a percentage of all federal transportation funding and on a per capita basis. This lack of investment may contribute to a lack of physical activity and cardiovascular health issues, two areas where Oklahoma has ranked poorly in America’s health rankings. Safe and comfortable places to bike and walk will not exist without public investment and the inability of the state to use federal funds for this purpose is a missed opportunity. Making progress in spending is essential to improvement for Oklahoma.

Feedback Points

Oklahoma has a poor record for spending federal funds on biking and walking improvements. On both a per capita basis and as a percentage of federal spending has spent less on biking and walking over the past five years than every other state. Oklahoma should change its project selection, development, and implementation processes in order to ensure that investments in biking and walking are made so that the safety and mobility of people who walk and bike is improved.

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.

Add bicycle safety as an emphasis area in the state Strategic Highway Safety Plan and aggressively fund bike safety projects.

Oklahoma should commit to spending federal funds for biking and walking on biking and walking. Oklahoma transferred the maximum allowable amount from the Transportation Alternatives Program. This transfer means that these funds are more likely to be used for purposes that do not improve bicycling and walking. This is troubling given Oklahoma’s record of not spending federal funds on biking and walking.

Oklahoma has adopted a texting ban for all drivers, but still lacks many of the laws that other states have enacted to combat distracted driving. Adopt a state law that requires the use of a hands-free device for cell phone use while driving to combat distracted driving and increase safety for everyone. Requiring the use of a hands-free device makes enforcement of texting laws easier by providing clearer evidence for enforcement.

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2 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.

3 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.
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OKLAHOMA

STATE RANKING
#46

TOTAL COUNTS
- BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES: 3
- BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES: 8
- BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES: 3

SEE THE DATABASE MAP: BIKELEAGUE.ORG/BFA/AWARDS

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: OKLAHOMA BICYCLING COALITION

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.

Visit bikeleague.org/ridesmart to access Smart Cycling videos, Smart Cycling Quick Guides (available in English & Spanish), and Smart Cycling manuals.

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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.

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