2018 Progress Report

Louisiana has a marked divergence in its federal data indicators.

On the positive side, Louisiana has the second best trend in increased rate of bicycling to work out of all states over the last ten years.

On the negative side, the rate of bicyclist traffic fatalities and the state’s use of federal funds for bicycling and walking are moving in the wrong direction.

Most worrying is the pronounced dip in the use of federal funds for bicycling and walking starting in 2011, just two years after the state adopted a statewide bicycle and pedestrian plan. While many states had a dip in their use of federal funds after changes to federal funding under MAP-21, Louisiana has taken much longer than average to recover and is still well below either the national or Southern regional average.

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<td>0.5% of commuters biking to work</td>
<td>One of 5 largest increases in bike commuting</td>
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There is currently no statewide advocacy organization in Louisiana that is a member of the League of American Bicyclists.

There are 3 local advocacy organizations that are members of the League in Louisiana:

- Bike Baton Rouge,
- Bike Easy, and
- Bike Lafayette.

In addition there are 3 bicycle clubs that are members of the League in Louisiana:

- Baton Rouge Bicycle Club,
- Crescent City Cyclists, and
- Kisatchie Bicycle Club.

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This Progress Report provides an update on Louisiana’s efforts related to bicycling. A full report card based upon a comprehensive survey is available at: http://bikeleague.org/content/state-report-cards

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The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development estimates that it spends substantially more on bicycle and pedestrian projects than is reported by FHWA data. The LADOTD estimate is “~3 million annually for our Safe Routes to Public Places program, ~7 million annually for Transportation Alternatives and ~1 million annually for ADA program not including the general HSIP, Urban Systems or the non-infrastructure/planning projects.”

These estimates and other updates can be found in a great 2018 Complete Streets Update that summarizes performance measures for biking and walking in the state: http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Multimodal/Highway_Safety/Complete_Streets/Complete%20Streets%20Legislative%20Reports/2018%20Final%20Legislative%20Update.pdf.

Current biking and walking efforts are being organized under the Complete Streets Implementation Action Plan which will include a department-wide Complete Streets training; technical design training for engineers, planners, and project managers; and a 3-year implementation plan with clear and transparent targets.

Every member organization of the League of American Bicyclists gets free access to a powerful advocacy software package. In 2017, the League facilitated over a dozen actions that engaged thousands of people. In New Jersey, these efforts led to a law that requires that drivers are educated about bicyclist and pedestrian safety as part of their driver’s license training.

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