Based on the information we obtained for Mississippi, the League of American Bicyclists believes the following actions will improve the safety, comfort, and accessibility of bicycling in Mississippi.

- **Adopt a statewide Bike Plan or Active Transportation Plan.** According to our data, Mississippi is one of only eight states that has never adopted a statewide bicycle plan.

- **Bike Walk Mississippi is launching a version of the successful Bicycle Safety Quiz that reaches tens of thousands of bicyclists each year.** The state should support this effort and promote its use by students to improve the understanding of bicycle safety.

- **Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements.** Spend more and/or improve reporting practices to make sure your investments are counted.

- **Ensure bridges are not a barrier to people bicycling in Mississippi by adopting a statewide policy requiring bicycle and pedestrian facilities on bridges when they are repaired or newly built.**

- **Mississippi has a bicyclist fatality rate worse than the national average. High-speed arterial roadways, often owned by the state DOT, are the most common place people biking are killed.** Improve those roadways to improve bicycle safety.

- **Make bicycle safety an emphasis area in your Strategic Highway Safety Plan with identified strategies for engineering improvements.**

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**Bicycle Friendly Actions**

- **Complete Streets Law / Policy**
  - Progress: Yes

- **Safe Passing Law (3ft+)**
  - Progress: Yes

- **Statewide bike plan last 10 years**
  - Progress: No

- **2% or more federal funds on bike/ped**
  - Progress: No - Lapse

- **Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area**
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**Federal Data on Biking**

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The Bicycle Friendly State ranking is based on a comprehensive survey—with over 100 data points—completed by state departments of transportation and state bicycling advocates. For more information, visit bikeleague.org/states or contact Ken McLeod at (202) 822-1333 or ken@bikeleague.org.