



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



1% PERCENT OF STATE IN BFC SILVER+

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:
PALMETTO CYCLING COALITION

SOUTH CAROLINA
#43
NATIONAL RANK (OF 50)
#11
REGIONAL RANK (OF 13)
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		F	D	C	B	A	
	Infrastructure & Funding	F					Considers the use of federal transportation funding, state transportation funding, and the existence of bicycle infrastructure in the state.
	Education & Encouragement		D				Considers bicycle mode share, advocacy, state goals to increase bicycling, and whether the state sponsors a conference on bicycling.
	Traffic Laws & Practices		D-				Considers traffic laws related to bicyclist safety and practices for automated enforcement and preventing racial disparities in traffic law enforcement.
	Policies & Programs			C			Considers Complete Streets policies and programmatic support for implementing bicycling improvements, including staffing and integrating public health.
	Evaluation & Planning			C			Considers state bicycle plans, safety outcomes, guidance on bicycle facilities, data collection on bicycling and walking, and public engagement of bicyclists.

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

Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety. Over the last two decades most states have adopted a safe passing law to protect people biking. South Carolina is one of 11 states that has not.

Adopt a statewide Bike Plan or Active Transportation Plan. South Carolina is one of just 8 states that have never adopted a statewide Bike Plan.

Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements. Over the last 5 years, 17% of traffic fatalities in South Carolina have been people biking or walking, and funding should reflect the need to invest in their safety.

In February 2021, the South Carolina DOT adopted a Departmental Directive for Complete Streets. Provide support for training and implementation of this Directive for all Districts and Divisions, as well as education to the public and local communities so that the Directive is institutionalized and understood.

South Carolina has a bicyclist fatality rate worse than the national average. In the last 5 years, more than 80% of bicyclist fatalities occurred on state-owned arterial roadways according to NHTSA data. Improve those roadways to improve bicycle safety.

The state should work with MPOs and councils of governments to help them use Surface Transportation dollars to implement the new South Carolina DOT Departmental Directive for Complete Streets.

Bicycle Friendly Actions	Progress?
Complete Streets Law / Policy	Yes
Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	No
Statewide bike plan last 10 years	No
2% or more federal funds on bike/ped	No
Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area	Yes

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.22% of commuters biking to work	42/50
Safety 26.4 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	47/50
Spending \$2.06 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	37/50

SEE THE BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE DATABASE MAP:
[BIKELEAGUE.ORG/BFA/AWARDS](https://bikeleague.org/BFA/AWARDS)

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.