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

Adopt a statewide Complete Streets policy or other policy that institutionalizes planning, designing, and building safe places for people to bike and walk as part of the transportation system.

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

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

Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements.

South Dakota has a lower than average rate of biking to work and a higher than average rate of physical inactivity. The state’s rate of physical inactivity is 25.3%, just 3% lower than North Dakota. Investing in safe, accessible, and connected bike routes to everyday destinations can increase bike commuting and physical activity.

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, 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 bicycle and pedestrian safety and mobility issues.

**Bicycle Friendly Actions**

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

**Federal Data on Biking**

- **Ridership**: 0.34% of commuters biking to work
- **Safety**: 2.9 fatalities per 10K bike commuters
- **Spending**: $4.02 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking

SEE THE BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE DATABASE MAP: BIKELEAGUE.ORG/BFA/AWARDS