

Alabama BFS Report Card

RANKING # 47 REGIONAL SOUTH: #12		
Ca	tegory Scores Scoring: 5 = High 1 = Low	
2	Legislation and Enforcement	
2	Policies and Programs	
1	Infrastructure and Funding	
2	Education and Encouragement	
1	Evaluation and Planning	

One Bicycle Friendly Success

The recent texting while driving ban is an excellent first step towards creating safer streets for everyone in Alabama

Top Tip for Improvement

Incorporate bicycle safety into the state Strategic Highway Safety Plan and aggressively fund bicycle safety projects

Top 10 Signs of Success

	People Commuting by Bike (More than 1%)
	Safe Passing/Vulnerable Road User Law
	Complete Streets Policy
	Dedicated State Funding
50	Active State Advocacy Group
	State Bicycle Plan (Adopted 2002 or later)
	Share the Road Campaign
50	Bicycle Education for Police
	Bicycle Safety Emphasis in Strategic Highway Safety Plan
	Top 10 State for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Spending

The Bicycle Friendly States ranking is based on a comprehensive survey completed by state departments of transportation and state bicycling advocates. It asks 50 questions across 5 categories: Legislation and Enforcement, Policies and Programs, Infrastructure and Funding, Education and Encouragement, Evaluation and Planning. The results listed above provide only a snap shot of the full application. They are intended to offer some ideas for further growth in bicycle friendliness. For more information, visit www.bikeleague.org/states or contact Matt Wempe at (202) 822-1333 or matt@bikeleague.org.



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DOT Commissioner:	John Cooper
Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator:	Mary Lou Crenshaw
State Advocacy Group:	Alabama Bicycle Coalition

Feedback

- Adopt a vulnerable road user law with a minimum safe passing distance to address bicyclist safety.
- Adopt a statewide policy that requires bicycle accommodations on all bridge and tunnel projects. These once in a generation projects should create connections for all transportation users rather than build barriers.
- Adopt federal funding project rating criteria that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations. The state is spending a low amount, less than 1.2 percent, of federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Conduct a share the road campaign creatively addressing the issues specific to your state.
- Alabama is one of the least safe places for bicyclists in the country (based on the number of fatalities and bicyclists). Bicycle safety should be a major emphasis for all projects, programs, and policies to address this issue.
- The League completed the state's BFS application. We strive to provide accurate information, but not every question can be answered without the state's participation.