



California

BFS Report Card

RANKING #

12

REGIONAL RANKING

WEST #4

Governor: Edmund Gerald Brown

DOT Commissioner: Malcolm Dougherty

Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator: Penny Gray

State Advocacy Group: California Bicycle Coalition

Category Scores

Scoring: 5 = High 1 = Low

4 Legislation and Enforcement

4 Policies and Programs

3 Infrastructure and Funding

4 Education and Encouragement

3 Evaluation and Planning

Feedback

- Adopt a vulnerable road user law with a minimum safe passing distance to address bicyclist safety.
- Adopt federal funding project rating criteria that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations. The majority of the state's spending is focused on a handful of sources but neglects others (e.g. CMAQ, TE).
- Ensure the state's rumble strip policy is followed to protect access for bicyclists. Advocates have noted cases where the policy has been poorly implemented.
- Hold a bicycle ride sponsored by the Governor and/or legislators to show their constituents that their elected officials support bicycling.
- Adopt a statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five "Es", has clear implementation actions, and performance metrics to gauge success.

One Bicycle Friendly Success

California is proactively addressing bicyclist safety as evidenced by the Dept. of Public Health developing a bike safety curriculum for 4th and 5th grade students.

Top Tip for Improvement

Adopt a vulnerable road user law that includes a minimum safe passing distance and stricter consequences for violations.

Top 10 Signs of Success



People Commuting by Bike (More than 1%)

Safe Passing/Vulnerable Road User Law



Complete Streets Policy



Dedicated State Funding



Active State Advocacy Group

State Bicycle Plan (Adopted 2002 or later)



Share the Road Campaign



Bicycle Education for Police



Bicycle Safety Emphasis in Strategic Highway Safety Plan

Top 10 State for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Spending