



Georgia

BFS Report Card

RANKING #

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REGIONAL RANKING

SOUTH #3

Governor:	Nathan Deal
DOT Commissioner:	Keith Golden
Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator:	Norm Cressman
State Advocacy Group:	Georgia Bikes!

Category Scores

Scoring: 5 = High 1 = Low

4	Legislation and Enforcement
2	Policies and Programs
3	Infrastructure and Funding
3	Education and Encouragement
1	Evaluation and Planning

Feedback

- Adopt a statewide Complete Streets policy. The National Complete Streets Coalition has a model state policy and other resources to ensure adoption and implementation.
- 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 (e.g. TE) but neglects others (e.g. CMAQ, HSIP)
- Update the statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five "Es", has clear implementation actions, and performance metrics to gauge success.
- Establish a statewide bicycle advisory committee to provide accountability for bicycle projects and programs. The BAC should include diverse representation, formal inclusion in decision making, a workplan, and regularly held meetings (at least quarterly).
- Georgia 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.

One Bicycle Friendly Success

Local advocacy groups supported by Georgia Bikes! via a state grant is an excellent model to ensure the entire state becomes more bike-friendly.

Top Tip for Improvement

Adopt a Complete Streets policy along with training and implementation guidance for engineers and planners.

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