



Maryland

BFS Report Card

RANKING #

8

REGIONAL RANKING

NORTHEAST #3

Governor: Martin O'Malley

DOT Commissioner: Beverly Swaim-Staley

Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator: Michael Jackson

State Advocacy Group: Bike Maryland

Category Scores

Scoring: 5 = High 1 = Low

4 Legislation and Enforcement

4 Policies and Programs

3 Infrastructure and Funding

4 Education and Encouragement

4 Evaluation and Planning

Feedback

- Develop a Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) curriculum for bicycling enforcement both for new officers and continuing education – focus on laws related to bicyclists, interactions between motorists and bicyclists, and bicycle collision investigation.
- Adopt federal funding project rating criteria that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations. The state is spending a low amount, less than .50 percent, of federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians, particularly on transportation enhancements.
- Bicycle ridership, while good, must continue to increase. Determine barriers that people face when bicycling and implement a comprehensive strategy to reduce barriers and increase ridership.
- Add bicycle safety as an emphasis area in the state Strategic Highway Safety Plan and aggressively fund bike safety projects.

One Bicycle Friendly Success

The recently established Cycle Maryland program is an excellent step to promote bicycle commuting and tourism.

Top Tip for Improvement

Revise Maryland's safe passing law to remove the four exemptions that are only confusing motorists, cyclists, and law enforcement.

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