



# Massachusetts

## BFS Report Card

RANKING #

3

REGIONAL RANKING

NORTHEAST: #1

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Governor:                       | Deval Patrick |
| DOT Commissioner:               | Richard Davey |
| Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator: | Josh Lehman   |
| State Advocacy Group:           | MassBike      |

### Category Scores

Scoring: 5 = High 1 = Low

|   |                             |
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| 4 | Legislation and Enforcement |
| 5 | Policies and Programs       |
| 2 | Infrastructure and Funding  |
| 4 | Education and Encouragement |
| 4 | Evaluation and Planning     |

### Feedback

- Adopt a vulnerable road user law with a minimum safe passing distance to address bicyclist safety.
- Review the state's policies and application processes to address the low obligation rates of the following dedicated bicycle and pedestrian federal funding programs including Transportation Enhancements, Recreational Trails, and Safe Routes to School.
- 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. CMAQ) but neglects others (e.g. TE, HSIP).
- 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.
- Dedicate additional resources towards fully implementing the state's existing bicycle plan, as adopted in 2008.

### One Bicycle Friendly Success

MassDOT's Green DOT policy sets ambitious goals to promote healthy transportation modes through investment and initiatives.

### 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

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|  | 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 |