



Mississippi

BFS Report Card

RANKING #

38

REGIONAL RANKING

SOUTH #10

Governor: Phil Bryant

DOT Commissioner: Melinda McGrath

Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator: Lindsey Netherland

State Advocacy Group: Bike Walk Mississippi

Category Scores

Scoring: 5 = High 1 = Low

3	Legislation and Enforcement
2	Policies and Programs
2	Infrastructure and Funding
3	Education and Encouragement
1	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.
- Update the state rumble strip policy to ensure compliance with the November 2011 Federal Highway Administration guidance. Require that rumble strips are not installed unless a traffic safety study proves they are necessary.
- Adopt federal funding project rating criteria that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations. The state is spending a low amount, less than 1.18 percent, of federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians- the lowest in the country.
- 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.
- In general, any question that was answered with “no” should be addressed so the answer can be a “yes” next year.

One Bicycle Friendly Success

The growth of Bike Walk Mississippi will lead to new partnerships and opportunities to become more bike-friendly.

Top Tip for Improvement

Adopt a state bicycle plan and establish a bicycle advisory committee to oversee implementation.

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