



New Jersey

BFS Report Card

RANKING #

7

REGIONAL RANKING

NORTHEAST #2

Governor: Chris Christie

DOT Commissioner: James Simpson

Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator: Sheree Davis

State Advocacy Group: New Jersey Bike + Walk Coalition

Category Scores

Scoring: 5 = High 1 = Low

3 Legislation and Enforcement

4 Policies and Programs

3 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.
- Focus Complete Streets training to fight the perception implementation simply means adding a sidepath to a street instead of bike lanes, sidewalks, and other design treatments.
- Adopt federal funding project rating criteria that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations. The state is spending a low amount, less than 0.99 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.
- 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

The Ambassadors in Motion program is an excellent tool to assist local communities implement Complete Streets and create more bike-friendly places.

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