



# North Carolina

## BFS Report Card

RANKING #

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REGIONAL RANKING

SOUTH #4

Governor:	Bev Perdue
DOT Commissioner:	Eugene Conti
Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator:	Kumar Trivedi
State Advocacy Group:	North Carolina Active Transportation Alliance

### Category Scores

Scoring: 5 = High 1 = Low

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

### Feedback

- Adopt a vulnerable road user law with a minimum safe passing distance to address bicyclist safety.
- 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.
- Create funding criteria supportive of bicycle/pedestrian and competitive for large and small communities.
- Hold a bicycle ride sponsored by the Governor and/or legislators to show their constituents that their elected officials support bicycling.
- North Carolina 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.
- 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 Pedestrian and Bicycle Access to Bus Transit project is an excellent example of how to address safety across the transportation system.

### 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