



# Rhode Island

## BFS Report Card

RANKING #

39

REGIONAL RANKING

NORTHEAST #10

Governor:	Lincoln Chafee
DOT Commissioner:	Michael Lewis
Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator:	Steve Church
State Advocacy Group:	Rhode Island Bicycle Coalition

### Category Scores

Scoring: 5 = High 1 = Low

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

### Feedback

- Establish a bicycle advisory committee including representatives from health, economic development, and community groups.
- 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.
- Dedicate state funding for bicycle projects and programs, especially those focused on safety and eliminating gaps and increasing access for bicycle networks. This is more than just a Share the Road campaign.
- Conduct a share the road campaign creatively addressing the issues specific to your state.
- 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 state Complete Streets policy is an excellent step towards becoming more bike-friendly.

### 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