



Texas

BFS Report Card

RANKING #

27

REGIONAL RANKING

SOUTH #6

Governor:	Rick Perry
DOT Commissioner:	Phil Wilson
Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator:	Charles Riou
State Advocacy Group:	Bike Texas

Category Scores

Scoring: 5 = High 1 = Low

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

Feedback

- Adopt a vulnerable road user law with a minimum safe passing distance to address bicyclist safety.
- Lots of good policies, ensure consistent application.
- 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.
- Hold a bicycle ride sponsored by the Governor and/or legislators to show their constituents that their elected officials support bicycling.
- Texas 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

Charles Riou, the only coordinator who admits he's a daily bicycle commuter, conducts lunch wellness rides with TxDOT and BikeTexas

Top Tip for Improvement

Adopt a safe passing law that protects vulnerable road users and provides 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