



Vermont

BFS Report Card

RANKING #

18

REGIONAL RANKING

NORTHEAST #7

Governor: Peter Shumlin

DOT Commissioner: Brian Searles

Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator: Jon Kaplan

State Advocacy Group: Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition

Category Scores

Scoring: 5 = High 1 = Low

2 Legislation and Enforcement

4 Policies and Programs

2 Infrastructure and Funding

3 Education and Encouragement

3 Evaluation and Planning

Feedback

- Adopt a vulnerable road user law with a minimum safe passing distance to address bicyclist safety.
- Develop a Complete Streets implementation strategy including training for engineers and planners and an implementation checklist.
- Adopt federal funding project rating criteria that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations. The majority of the state's spending is focused on a handful of sources (e.g. TE) but neglects others (e.g. CMAQ, HSIP).
- Hold a bicycle ride sponsored by the Governor and/or legislators to show their constituents that their elected officials support bicycling.
- Establish a statewide bicycle advisory committee to provide accountability for bicycle projects and programs. The BAC should include diverse representation, formal inclusion in decision making, a workplan, and regularly held meetings (at least quarterly).

One Bicycle Friendly Success

Vermont's newly adopted Complete Streets policy is an excellent step towards becoming more bike-friendly.

Top Tip for Improvement

Adopt formal requirements for bicycling enforcement training for police officers, building on successful local programs.

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