



Alabama

RANKING # 50

REGIONAL RANKING » SOUTH #13

GOVERNOR: Robert Bentley

DOT COMMISSIONER: John Cooper

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Mary Lou Crenshaw

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Alabama Bicycle Coalition

CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

1 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

2 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

1 INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

2 EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

1 EVALUATION AND PLANNING

TOP 10 SIGNS OF SUCCESS

= NEW IN 2014

PEOPLE COMMUTING BY BIKE (MORE THAN 1%)

SAFE PASSING/VULNERABLE ROAD USER LAW

COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

COMMITTED STATE FUNDING



ACTIVE STATE ADVOCACY GROUP



STATE BICYCLE PLAN (ADOPTED 2004 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

OVERALL POINTS

17.4 of 100

2013: 12.3 of 100

FEEDBACK

- Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety.
- Collect data regarding enforcement actions against motorists based on incidents with bicycles, such as traffic tickets issued, prosecutions, or convictions.
- Provide specific training to engineers and planners on how to implement the Complete Streets/Accommodation Policy in everyday decisions.
- Adopt a policy requiring state office buildings, state park and recreation facilities, and other state facilities to provide bicycle parking.
- Adopt a state bicycle design manual that includes design drawings, guidance on when to use established and innovative design treatments, and public engagement.
- The state could spend more federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians. Adopt project prioritization criteria for federal funds that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations.
- Dedicate state funding for bicycle projects and programs, especially those focused on safety and eliminating gaps and increasing access for bicycle networks.
- Add language to the driver's license tests that addresses the interaction between motor vehicles and bicycles.
- Create a state website with resources on bicycle commuting, touring, state bike routes, planning documents, and other relevant information.
- Conduct a share the road campaign creatively addressing the issues specific to your state.

The Bicycle Friendly States ranking is based on a comprehensive survey completed by state departments of transportation and state bicycling advocates. It asks comprehensive questions across 5 categories: Legislation and Enforcement, Policies and Programs, Infrastructure and Funding, Education and Encouragement, Evaluation and Planning. The results listed above provide only a snap shot of the full application. They are intended to offer some ideas for further growth in bicycle friendliness. For more information, visit www.bikeleague.org/states or contact Nicole Wynands at (202)-822-1333 or nicole@bikeleague.org.