



Iowa

RANKING # 25

REGIONAL RANKING » MIDWEST #5

GOVERNOR: Terry Branstad

DOT COMMISSIONER: Paul Trombino III

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Milly Ortiz

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Iowa Bicycle Coalition

CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

3 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

3 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

1 INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

3 EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

2 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

38.6 of 100 2013: 37.3 of 100

FEEDBACK

- Adopt a law allowing transportation agencies to post 20 mph or lower speed limits under certain circumstances.
- Update state traffic laws regarding bicyclists riding “as far right as practicable” to include the four exemptions listed in the Uniform Vehicle Code.
- Adopt a law prohibiting a motorist from opening an automobile’s door unless the motorist is able to do so safely.
- Adopt a statewide Complete Streets policy. The National Complete Streets Coalition has a model state policy and a variety of other resources to ensure adoption and implementation.
- Adopt performance measures, such as mode shift or a low percentage of exempted projects, to better track and support Complete Streets/ Bike Accommodation Policy compliance.
- Adopt a policy requiring state office buildings, state park and recreation facilities, and other state facilities to provide bicycle parking.
- Since arterial and collector roads are the backbone of every transportation network, it is essential to provide adequate bicycle facilities along these roads. Increase the percentage of state highway network that has paved shoulders or bike lanes greater or equal to 4 feet wide.
- The state is spending a low amount of federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians. Adopt project prioritization criteria for federal funds that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations.
- Create a state bicycle riders manual to ensure cyclists have a pocket guide for rules of the road, relevant laws, state bike routes, and other necessary information.

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.