



# Maryland

## RANKING # 7

### REGIONAL RANKING » EAST #2

GOVERNOR: Martin O'Malley

DOT SECRETARY: James T. Smith, Jr.

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Michael Jackson

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Bike Maryland

### CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

4 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

4 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

2 INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

5 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

**53.8** of 100 2013: 50.5 of 100

### FEEDBACK

- Adopt a law allowing transportation agencies to post 20 mph or lower speed limits under certain circumstances.
- Repeal the state's mandatory bike lane law. These types of laws ignore the quality and safety of available bike lanes.
- Integrate bicycle enforcement training into the police academy curriculum for new officers. At a minimum, mandate the viewing of the new Maryland bicycle law enforcement video for officers.
- Provide specific training to engineers and planners on how to implement the Complete Streets/ Accommodation Policy in everyday decisions.
- Legalize crossing of the double yellow line to give a bicyclist 3 feet of passing space
- 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.
- 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 additional resources towards fully implementing the state's bicycle plan.
- Adopt a mode share goal for biking to encourage the integration of bicycle transportation needs into all transportation and land use policy and project decisions.
- Include counts for cyclists in the current SHA survey of every intersection that needs improvements or upgrades.

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](http://www.bikeleague.org/states) or contact Nicole Wynands at (202)-822-1333 or [nicole@bikeleague.org](mailto:nicole@bikeleague.org).