



New York

RANKING # 29

REGIONAL RANKING » EAST #11

GOVERNOR: Andrew Cuomo

DOT COMMISSIONER: Joan McDonald

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Eric Ophardt

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: New York Bicycling Coalition

CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

3 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

3 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

1 INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

3 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

33.9 of 100 2013: 21.5 of 100

FEEDBACK

- Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety.
- Develop a Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) curriculum for bicycling enforcement both for new officers and continuing education.
- Provide specific training to engineers and planners on how to implement the Complete Streets Policy in everyday decisions.
- 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.
- 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.
- Establish a statewide bicycle advisory committee to provide accountability for bicycle projects and programs.
- Conduct a bicycle economic benefit study to showcase the positive impacts of bicycling for tourism, health costs and economic development.
- Ensure that bicycle safety is a major emphasis in all transportation projects, programs and policies to address this issue.
- NYS DOT should officially endorse the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide and encourage its use on the state highway network in urban areas, including collector and arterial roadways.

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.