



# South Dakota

**RANKING # 39**

## REGIONAL RANKING » MIDWEST #9

GOVERNOR: Dennis Daugaard

DOT COMMISSIONER: Darin Bergquist

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Jerry Ortbahn

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: South Dakota Bicycle Coalition

## CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

**2** LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

**3** 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

**26.1** of 100

2013: 18.2 of 100

## FEEDBACK

- Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety.
- Adopt a statewide Complete Streets policy.
- Adopt a state bicycle design manual that includes design drawings, guidance on when to use established and innovative design treatments, and public engagement.
- Ensure that no funds from the Transportation Alternatives program are transferred for purposes other than bicycling and walking projects.
- 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 more state funding for bicycle projects and programs, especially those focused on safety and eliminating gaps and increasing access for bicycle networks.
- Conduct a share the road campaign creatively addressing the issues specific to your state.
- Hold a state bicycle summit with opportunities for professional development, contact with elected officials, and networking.
- Adopt a statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five "Es", has clear implementation actions, and performance measures to gauge success.
- 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.

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).