



# Texas

# RANKING # 33

## REGIONAL RANKING » SOUTH #8

GOVERNOR: Rick Perry

DOT COMMISSIONER: Phil Wilson

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Teri Kaplan

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Bike Texas

## CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

**3** LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

**3** POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

**1** INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

**4** 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

# 31.0

 of 100

2013: 36.2 of 100

## FEEDBACK

- Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety.
- Adopt a vulnerable road user law that increases penalties for a motorist that injures or kills a bicyclist or pedestrian.
- Adopt a statewide Complete Streets policy.
- 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 state funding for bicycle projects and programs, especially those focused on safety and eliminating gaps and increasing access for bicycle networks.
- Adopt a statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five “Es”, has clear implementation actions, and performance measures to gauge success.
- Adopt performance measures to decrease bicycle fatalities.
- 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.