



Virginia

RANKING # 18

REGIONAL RANKING » SOUTH #1

GOVERNOR: Terry McAuliffe

DOT COMMISSIONER: Charles Kilpatrick

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: John Bolecek

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Virginia Bicycle Federation, BikeWalk Virginia

CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

3 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

4 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

41.5 of 100

2013: 42.7 of 100

FEEDBACK

- Adopt a vulnerable road user law that increases penalties for a motorist that injures or kills a bicyclist or pedestrian.
- 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.
- 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.
- Hold a state bicycle summit with opportunities for professional development, contact with elected officials, and networking.
- Add bicycle safety as an emphasis area in the state Strategic Highway Safety Plan and aggressively fund bike safety projects.
- 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.

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.