



Minnesota

RANKING # 2

REGIONAL RANKING » MIDWEST #1

GOVERNOR: Mark Dayton

DOT COMMISSIONER: Charles Zelle

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Tim Mitchell

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota

CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

3 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

5 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

3 INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

4 EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

3 EVALUATION AND PLANNING

TOP 10 SIGNS OF SUCCESS

= NEW IN 2015

1% OR MORE OF PEOPLE COMMUTING BY BIKE

SAFE PASSING LAW (3 FEET OR GREATER)

COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

DEDICATED STATE FUNDING

ACTIVE STATE ADVOCACY GROUP

STATE BICYCLE PLAN (ADOPTED 2005 OR LATER)

SHARE THE ROAD CAMPAIGN

VULNERABLE ROAD USER LAW

BICYCLE SAFETY EMPHASIS IN STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN

2% OR MORE FEDERAL FUNDS SPENT ON BIKE/PED

OVERALL POINTS

63 of 100

2014: 62 of 100

FEEDBACK

- Improve connectivity, especially between trails and street facilities, so that more people can access retail, work, and educational facilities safely and conveniently by bike.
- Dedicate additional resources towards fully implementing the state's existing bicycle plan.
- Allow the flexibility for all units of government statewide to use NACTO and AASHTO standards as well as MnDOT's design standards.
- Create more sustainable state funding programs, especially those focused on safety and eliminating gaps and increasing access to bicycle networks. Dedicate funding on an annual basis to bicycling and walking.
- Update law regarding how a car should turn across a bike lane.
- Adopt a vulnerable road user law that increases penalties for a motorist that injures or kills a bicyclist or pedestrian. Model language is available here: <http://bikeleague.org/content/model-legislation>.
- Update state traffic laws regarding bicyclists riding "as far right as practicable" to better inform bicyclists and the public where bicyclists can ride. Several states now specify that a bicyclist can ride explicitly in terms of the safety of the bicyclist and surrounding traffic. For instance, Colorado's law says that a bicyclists shall ride "far enough to the right as judged safe by the bicyclist to facilitate the movement of ... overtaking vehicles."
- Establish a state bike caucus in the legislature.
- Collect data regarding enforcement actions against motorists based on incidents with bicycles, such as traffic tickets issued, prosecutions, or convictions.
- Hold a bicycle ride sponsored by the Governor to show constituents executive support bicycling.

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 Ken McLeod at (202)-822-1333 or ken@bikeleague.org.