



Mississippi

RANKING # 32

REGIONAL RANKING » SOUTH #7

GOVERNOR: Phil Bryant

DOT COMMISSIONER: Melinda McGrath

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Andy Jeffrey

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Bike Walk Mississippi

CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

3 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

2 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

2 INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

3 EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

1 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

34 of 100

2014: 32 of 100

FEEDBACK

- Adopt a Statewide Complete Streets Policy with Implementation & Incentives as part of the state update to its long-term transportation plan for 2040. A Statewide Complete Streets Policy that takes into account the needs of all users of the roads and plans and designs accordingly can ensure that Mississippi gets roads right the first time - saving more money and time in the long run and ensuring a well-designed multimodal transportation system.
- Consider ways to increase the ability of local communities to match federal funding for TAP and SRTS projects. Many projects are currently awarded, but cannot move forward without matching local funds. Provide technical assistance and tools that local communities can use to raise matching local funds.
- Mississippi has a high rate of bicyclist fatalities compared to the national average. Ensure that bicycle safety is a major emphasis in all transportation projects, programs and policies to address this issue. Add Bicycle and Pedestrian fatalities to the 2014 Mississippi Strategic Highway Safety Plan: "Vision toward Zero Deaths" and include specific performance measures related to bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Create a Comprehensive Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan as part of MDOT's 2040 Update. The plan should be developed with user group input, encourage the integration of bicycle and pedestrian transportation needs into all transportation policy and project decisions, and provide Transportation Equity by providing mobility options to underserved populations, seniors and disabled populations as well as safe transportation to schools and educational centers.
- Adopt a statewide policy that requires bicycle accommodations on all bridge and tunnel projects. These once in a generation projects should create connections for all transportation users rather than build barriers.

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.