



New Jersey

RANKING # 11

REGIONAL RANKING » EAST #4

GOVERNOR: Chris Christie

DOT COMMISSIONER: Jamie Fox

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Debbie Kingsland

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: NJ Bike + Walk Coalition

CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

2 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

4 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

49 of 100

2014: 53 of 100

FEEDBACK

- Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety.
- Adopt a statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five “Es”, has clear implementation actions, and performance measures to gauge success. The state’s last bicycle plan was adopted more than a decade ago.
- Adopt a law prohibiting a motorist from opening an automobile’s door unless the motorist is able to do so safely. New Jersey is one of only 10 states to not have this type of law.
- The state could spend more federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians. Adopt project prioritization criteria for federal funds that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations.
- Update roadway design guidelines based on the most current AASHTO and NACTO recommendations
- Increase transparency of the planning process of major road projects. Reach out to statewide and local bicycle advocacy groups for input early in the process.
- 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>.
- Adopt performance measures to decrease bicycle fatalities.
- Integrate bicycle enforcement training into the police academy curriculum for new officers. Instructor training is offered by the International Police Mountain Bike Association, the Law Enforcement Bicycle Association and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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.