



New York

RANKING # 29

REGIONAL RANKING » EAST #11

GOVERNOR: Andrew Cuomo

DOT COMMISSIONER: Joan McDonald

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Eric Ophardt

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: New York Bicycling Coalition

CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

2 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

3 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

35 of 100

2014: 33 of 100

FEEDBACK

- NYS DOT should officially endorse the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide, incorporate its designs into state engineering and design manuals, and encourage its use on the state highway network in urban areas, including collector and arterial roadways.
- Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety.
- Dedicate additional resources towards fully implementing the state's existing bicycle plan.
- 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 performance measures, such as mode shift or a low percentage of exempted projects, to better track and support Complete Streets Policy compliance.
- Dedicate state funding for bicycle projects and programs, especially those focused on safety and eliminating gaps and increasing access for bicycle networks.
- New York has a high number of bicyclist fatalities. Ensure that bicycle safety is a major emphasis in all transportation projects, programs and policies to address this issue.
- Develop a Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) curriculum for bicycling enforcement both for new officers and continuing education – focus on laws related to bicyclists, interactions between motorists and bicyclists, and bicycle collision investigation.
- Establish a statewide bicycle advisory committee to provide accountability for bicycle projects and programs.

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.