



Ohio

RANKING # 16

REGIONAL RANKING » MIDWEST #4

GOVERNOR: John Kasich

DOT COMMISSIONER: Jerry Wray

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Julie Walcoff

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Ohio Bicycle Federation

CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

3 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

3 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

3 INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

4 EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

2 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

45 of 100

2014: 45 of 100

FEEDBACK

- Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety.
- Adopt a statewide Complete Streets policy. The National Complete Streets Coalition has a model state policy and a variety of other resources to ensure adoption and implementation.
- Adopt a statewide, all-ages cell phone ban in addition to other laws to combat distracted driving and increase safety for everyone.
- 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 “dead red” law to permit vehicle operators, including bicyclists, to proceed at intersection, when not detected.
- Establish a statewide bicycle advisory committee to provide accountability for bicycle projects and programs. The BAC should include diverse representation, formal inclusion in decision making, a work plan, and regularly held meetings (at least quarterly).
- Remove the guidance from the Ohio MUTCD which states that BEGIN and END signs should be used with Bikes May Use Full Lane signs. Ohio law allows cyclists to use the full lane on all roads (except limited access freeways), and the END sign does not reflect that law. This guidance is also not consistent with the FHWA MUTCD.
- Update the Ohio policy on rumble striping to reflect FHWA guidelines that rumble stripes and strips should only be used on shoulders that are wider than 4’.

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.