



Oklahoma

RANKING # 45

REGIONAL RANKING » WEST #11

GOVERNOR: Mary Fallin

DOT COMMISSIONER: Michael Patterson

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Jessica Scott

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Oklahoma Bicycling Coalition

CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

2 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

2 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

1 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

24 of 100

2014: 25 of 100

FEEDBACK

- The state could spend more federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians. Based on data from the FHWA, Oklahoma is in the bottom 5 for federal funding for bicycling and walking projects based on the percentage of available federal funds obligated to those projects. Adopt project prioritization criteria for federal funds that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations.
- Adopt a statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five “Es”, has clear implementation actions, and performance measures to gauge success.
- 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.
- Adopt a statewide, all-ages cell phone and texting ban to combat distracted driving and increase safety for everyone.
- Ensure that no funds from the Transportation Alternatives program are transferred for purposes other than bicycling and walking projects.
- 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. Currently Oklahoma State University has a bicycle patrol office course approved by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training: <http://www.ok.gov/cleet/>.
- Create a Legislative Bike Ride to show legislative support for bicycling and walking programs. A legislative bike ride can be a fun event and informal convening for legislators, agency staff, and people who support biking and walking.

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.