



South Carolina

RANKING # 44

REGIONAL RANKING » SOUTH #11

GOVERNOR: Nikki Haley

DOT COMMISSIONER: Janet Oakley

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Thomas Dodds

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Palmetto Cycling Coalition

CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

2 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

3 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

1 INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

3 EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

1 EVALUATION AND PLANNING

TOP 10 SIGNS OF SUCCESS



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: 22 of 100

FEEDBACK

- Consider ways to develop local capacity for pedestrian and bicycle planning and inclusion in road projects through technical assistance or grant programs that provide incentives for local communities to pursue non-motorized plans and projects.
- Adopt a statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five “Es”, has clear implementation actions, and performance measures to gauge success.
- Repeal the state’s mandatory bike lane law. These types of laws ignore the quality and safety of available bike lanes.
- The state should spend more federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians. Based on data from the FHWA, South Carolina 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, all-ages cell phone ban to combat distracted driving and increase safety for everyone.
- 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.
- Adopt performance measures to decrease bicycle fatalities.
- Hold a state bicycle summit with opportunities for professional development, contact with elected officials, and networking.

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.