

WE'RE BUILDING A BICYCLE FRIENDLY AMERICA FOR **EVERYONE**

11% PERCENT OF STATE IN BFC SILVER+

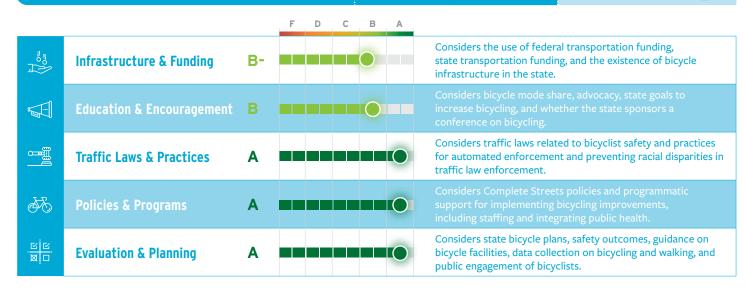
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Based on the information we obtained for California, the League of American Bicyclists believes the following actions will improve the safety, comfort, and accessibility of bicycling in California.

California has made significant advances in bicycle policy in recent years, but those advances must be institutionalized more thoroughly in local Caltrans offices and in funding decisions made by Caltrans and the state legislature. For example, while California's Active Transportation Program has expanded in recent years, it still fails to meet the demand for biking and walking investments with a nearly \$2 billion gap in funding in the last application round.

2021 drew renewed and unprecedented attention to the federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). California should ensure that its version of the MUTCD reflects the leadership of Caltrans in promoting Complete Streets. Work with bicycling and walking advocates on a comprehensive update that prioritizes safety.

Local advocates point to lack of community engagement and outdated design standards often imposed on local projects by Caltrans as issues. Caltrans should work to improve its community engagement and design standards so that it can more effectively implement cultural change for safe streets and encourage more biking and walking.

Caltrans District Level Active Transportation Plans are a great initiative. Advocate concerns persist about a disconnect between Caltrans leadership and day-to-day activities.

Caltrans' implementation of a Safe System Approach and development of state-level guidance for quick builds are welcome steps to creating a cultural change that prioritizes safety for all people and recognizes changes to the built environment as key to safer streets.

AB43 provides significant new authority for localities in California to lower speed limits and we look forward to its implementation.

| Bicycle Friendly Actions | Progress? | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Complete Streets Law / Policy | Yes | |
| Safe Passing Law (3ft+) | Passing Law (3ft+) Yes | |
| Statewide bike plan last 10 years Yes | | |
| 2% or more federal funds on bike/ped | bike/ped Yes | |
| Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area | Yes | |

| Federal | Data on Biking | Rank |
|-----------|---|---------------|
| Ridership | 0.87% of commuters biking to work | 7 /50 |
| Safety | 7.1 fatalities per 10K bike commuters | 23/50 |
| Spending | \$2.05 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking | 39 /50 |

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The Bicycle Friendly State ranking is based on a comprehensive survey—with over 100 data points—completed by state departments of transportation and state bicycling advocates. For more information, visit bikeleague.org/states or contact Ken McLeod at (202) 822-1333 or ken@bikeleague.org.