

LOUISIANA

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

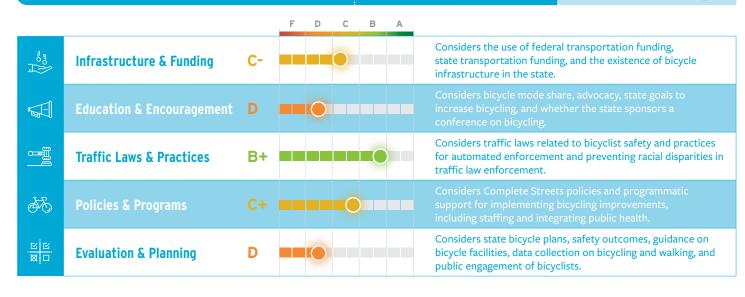
8% PERCENT OF STATE IN BFC SILVER+

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:

NO STATEWIDE NON-**PROFIT BIKE ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION** 

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

Adopt a statewide Bike Plan or Active Transportation Plan. According to our data, Louisiana last adopted a statewide Bike Plan in 2009.

Make bicycle safety an emphasis area in your Strategic Highway Safety Plan with identified strategies for engineering improvements.

Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements.

Louisiana has a bicyclist fatality rate worse than the national average. High-speed arterial roadways, often owned by the state DOT, are the most common place people biking are killed. Improve those roadways to improve bicycle safety.

Louisiana spends a very low amount of federal funding on biking and walking per capita. Spend more and/or improve reporting practices to make sure your investments are counted.

Additional staff to support active transportation initiatives and more routine inclusion of biking and walking into road projects should help Louisiana deliver more funding to biking and walking projects. Louisiana DOTD's Secretary, Dr. Shawn Wilson, is currently the President of AASHTO and his departments' staffing decisions can be a model for other states.

Bicycle Friendly Actions	Progress?	
Complete Streets Law / Policy	Yes	
Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	Yes	
Statewide bike plan last 10 years	No - Lapse	
2% or more federal funds on bike/ped	No	
Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area	No	

Federal	Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership	0.5% of commuters biking to work	20/50
Safety	<b>21.1 fatalities</b> per 10K bike commuters	<b>43</b> /50
Spending	\$1.92 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	<b>41</b> /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.