



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



3% PERCENT OF STATE IN BFC SILVER+

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:  
**BIKETEXAS**

# TEXAS

**#32** NATIONAL RANK (OF 50)

**#7** REGIONAL RANK (OF 13)

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		F	D	C	B	A	
	<b>Infrastructure &amp; Funding</b>			<b>C</b>			Considers the use of federal transportation funding, state transportation funding, and the existence of bicycle infrastructure in the state.
	<b>Education &amp; Encouragement</b>			<b>C+</b>			Considers bicycle mode share, advocacy, state goals to increase bicycling, and whether the state sponsors a conference on bicycling.
	<b>Traffic Laws &amp; Practices</b>		<b>D-</b>				Considers traffic laws related to bicyclist safety and practices for automated enforcement and preventing racial disparities in traffic law enforcement.
	<b>Policies &amp; Programs</b>				<b>B+</b>		Considers Complete Streets policies and programmatic support for implementing bicycling improvements, including staffing and integrating public health.
	<b>Evaluation &amp; Planning</b>					<b>B-</b>	Considers state bicycle plans, safety outcomes, guidance on bicycle facilities, data collection on bicycling and walking, and public engagement of bicyclists.

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

Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety. Over the last two decades most states have adopted a safe passing law to protect people biking. Texas is one of 11 states that has not.

Adopt a statewide Bike Plan or Active Transportation Plan. Texas is one of just 8 states that have never adopted a statewide Bike Plan.

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.

Texas 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.

Texas 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.

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

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.24% of commuters biking to work	40/50
Safety 16.2 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	40/50
Spending \$1.57 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	45/50

SEE THE BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE DATABASE MAP:  
[BIKELEAGUE.ORG/BFA/AWARDS](https://bikeleague.org/BFA/AWARDS)

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](https://bikeleague.org/states) or contact Ken McLeod at (202) 822-1333 or [ken@bikeleague.org](mailto:ken@bikeleague.org).