



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):
Alabama Bicycle Coalition

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ALABAMA #46 NATIONAL RANK (OF 50) COMPARED TO LAST REPORT CARD: ↓ #11 Southern REGIONAL RANK (OF 13)

Bicycle Friendly Actions	Action Taken	Progress <small>SINCE LAST REPORT CARD</small>
Complete Streets Law/Policy	No	↔
Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	Yes	↔
Statewide bike plan last 10 years	Yes	↔
2%+ federal funds on bike/pedestrian	Yes	↑
Speed limit laws for #SlowRoads	No	↔

FEEDBACK

Adopt a statewide Complete Streets policy or other policy that institutionalizes planning, designing, and building safe places for people to bike and walk as part of the transportation system. Alabama is one of only fourteen states without a resolution, policy, or law that addresses creating a transportation system for all of the ways that people move.

Alabama sets default urban area speed limits above 20 miles per hour and does not provide clear legal authority or guidance for how communities may establish 20 mile per hour speed limits on streets in urban or residential areas. We know that slow road save lives and clearer laws and guidance supporting slower streets will benefit the safety of all people using Alabama's streets.

Congratulations on spending at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has provided increased federal funding for transportation and it is great to see it resulting in greater investments in bicycling and walking improvements.

Alabama has one of the lowest rates of bicycling to work in the nation. Bicycling is cheap, safe, and doesn't pollute. Work with cities to provide networks that allow more people to safely bike to work.

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 or contact Ken McLeod at ken@bikeleague.org. See the [Report Card Use Guide](#).

ONE SUCCESS Alabama has taken advantage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to fund more bicycle and pedestrian projects and spent at least two percent of their federal transportation funds on those projects in each of the last three years.

TOP TIP Alabama's survey does not indicate the existence of design guidance, training, or any existing protected bike lanes on state roads. The Alabama DOT should work more closely with MPOs and communities to design and install protected bike lanes.

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.1% of commuters biking to work	49/50
Safety 51 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	49/50
Spending \$3.76 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	20/50

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	53%	19/50
Infrastructure	3%	49/50
Laws	60%	24/50
Policies	40%	39/50
Capacity & Support	42%	41/50
Safety	24%	49/50
Every Ride Counts	0%	50/50