



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):
California Bicycle Coalition
(CalBike), California Association of
Bicycling Organizations (CABO)

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CALIFORNIA #4 NATIONAL RANK (OF 50) COMPARED TO LAST REPORT CARD: #3 Western REGIONAL RANK (OF 13)

Bicycle Friendly Actions	Action Taken	Progress <small>SINCE LAST REPORT CARD</small>
Complete Streets Law/Policy	Yes	
Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	Yes	
Statewide bike plan last 10 years	Yes	
2%+ federal funds on bike/pedestrian	Yes	
Speed limit laws for #SlowRoads	Yes	

FEEDBACK

Congratulations on adopting SB 960, which is a state law that requires Caltrans to plan and build a transportation system for everyone who uses California roads. Key features of the law include four-year implementation targets, improved transit policies for state-controlled roads, and permit reforms where local improvements overlap with state right of way.

California's Active Transportation Program has struggled to meet the needs of communities that apply for funding. Despite these struggles and unmet needs, \$400 million was cut from a recent grant cycle. To achieve California's stated goals around GHG reductions and traffic safety will require sustained funding of active transportation projects at higher levels.

California had an opportunity to lead on vehicle safety in much the same way it has long led on vehicle emissions. The California legislature passed SB 961 which would have required passive Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) technology in new vehicles. However, Governor Newsom vetoed the bill. Continue to work on this issue and consider government fleet purchasing as one way to get ISA in more vehicles. Side override guards are another vehicle safety area where California can show leadership at the fleet or policy level.

California has strong climate change mitigation goals, but continues to invest in roadway widenings that will contribute to climate change. Investments should reflect state goals and facilitate the mode shift needed to reduce pollution.

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 California passed a Complete Streets Bill, SB 960, that will require its department of transportation, Caltrans, to commit to new actions and policies that create complete streets for all people.

TOP TIP Safety is a major barrier preventing more people from biking more often. Investments need to reflect safety as a priority and streets should be redesigned for slower, safer, speeds or physically separated bike facilities.

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.7% of commuters biking to work	9/50
Safety 11.2 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	24/50
Spending \$2.54 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	38/50

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	56%	16/50
Infrastructure	95%	6/50
Laws	86%	2/50
Policies	100%	2/50
Capacity & Support	90%	9/50
Safety	58%	19/50
Every Ride Counts	60%	6/50