



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):
Bicycle Colorado

2024

COLORADO

#6 NATIONAL RANK (OF 50)
COMPARED TO LAST REPORT CARD:

#4 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 | No | |
| 2%+ federal funds on bike/pedestrian | Yes | |
| Speed limit laws for #SlowRoads | No | |

FEEDBACK

In Spring of 2024, the Colorado DOT kicked off an update to its Statewide Active Transportation Plan. This is great to hear as the previous plan was adopted in 2012 and the League of American Bicyclists recommends a 10-year update cycle to ensure that plans incorporate leading engineering practices.

Colorado 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 Colorado'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.

The Colorado DOT's Greenhouse Gas Planning Standard to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector is an exciting development. This standard requires projects to account for the total pollution and greenhouse gas emissions increase or decrease they are expected to cause in federally-required planning documents.

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 The Colorado DOT began the process of updating their statewide active transportation plan, which was adopted in 2012. This is an exciting opportunity for engaging bicyclists throughout the state and providing a strong vision for future improvements.

TOP TIP Expand school-based on-bike education through programs like Safe Routes to School, so that all students in the state have the opportunity to learn cycling safety.

| Federal Data on Biking | Rank |
|---|-------|
| Ridership 0.9% of commuters biking to work | 3/50 |
| Safety 5.7 fatalities per 10K bike commuters | 11/50 |
| Spending \$2.89 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking | 32/50 |

| Categories | % of available points | Rank |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Funding | 58% | 11/50 |
| Infrastructure | 79% | 21/50 |
| Laws | 63% | 15/50 |
| Policies | 69% | 15/50 |
| Capacity & Support | 88% | 12/50 |
| Safety | 46% | 31/50 |
| Every Ride Counts | 44% | 15/50 |