



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):
No statewide non-profit bike advocacy organization

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LOUISIANA

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

#10 Southern 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	No	
Speed limit laws for #SlowRoads	No	

FEEDBACK

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development last adopted a statewide bike plan in 2009. There currently appear to be no efforts to update or create a new statewide bike plan that would reflect changes in best practices over the last 15 years. The state's bicycle suitability map was last updated in 2012 and the state's bicycle planning tool was last updated in 2019. Louisiana should create a new statewide bike plan, or active transportation plan, that reinvestigates its planning and implementation efforts for the safety of people who bike. The majority of bicyclists killed in Louisiana are killed on state-owned roadways, in both urban and rural areas.

Louisiana does not provide laws establishing default urban area speed limits. Providing clear legal authority or guidance for how communities may establish 20 mile per hour speed limits on streets in urban or residential areas would benefit the safety of all people using Louisiana's streets.

Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements. Since 2010, Louisiana has only met this key Bicycle Friendly Action in two non-consecutive years.

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.

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 Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has formed a Complete Streets Advisory Council to work with the Department to adopt and maintain an up-to-date Complete Streets Policy.

TOP TIP Louisiana should create a new statewide bike plan, or active transportation plan. The majority of bicyclists killed in Louisiana are killed on state-owned roadways, in both urban and rural areas, and the state should have a plan to improve safety on those roads.

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.3% of commuters biking to work	25/50
Safety 44.9 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	47/50
Spending \$3.20 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	25/50

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	49%	25/50
Infrastructure	43%	40/50
Laws	60%	22/50
Policies	51%	31/50
Capacity & Support	2%	50/50
Safety	55%	22/50
Every Ride Counts	5%	40/50