



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):
Bike Maryland

2024

MARYLAND

#9 NATIONAL RANK (OF 50)
COMPARED TO LAST REPORT CARD: **1**

#3 Eastern REGIONAL RANK (OF 11)

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

It is exciting to see the Maryland Department of Transportation partner with Smart Growth America to work on quick-build pedestrian and bicycle projects. Quick build projects are low-cost and adaptable, and can yield improvements for bicyclists and help agencies work through new designs, ideas, and processes for improving bicycling and walking.

Repeal the state's mandatory bike lane law. These types of laws ignore the quality and safety of available bike lanes.

The Maryland Department of Transportation published a new Complete Streets Policy and launched its Model Complete Streets Initiative which will include a sidewalk data collaboration to inventory sidewalks throughout the state. This is an incredible effort that many cities can struggle with and we hope the data and lessons learned inspire other states to take this effort on.

ONE SUCCESS The Maryland Department of Transportation partnered with Smart Growth America to work on quick-build pedestrian and bicycle projects and regularly hosts webinars promoting improvements to bicycling and walking.

TOP TIP Maryland currently uses Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside funding to fund Safe Routes to School. It would be great to see school-based on-bike education expanded with more diverse funding sources.

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.3% of commuters biking to work	34/50
Safety 11.1 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	23/50
Spending \$2.60 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	36/50

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

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	57%	14/50
Infrastructure	90%	8/50
Laws	77%	6/50
Policies	91%	4/50
Capacity & Support	92%	4/50
Safety	76%	3/50
Every Ride Counts	45%	14/50