



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):  
MassBike

2024

# MASSACHUSETTS

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

#1 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

Congratulations on adopting a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety. Publicize the law so that drivers, law enforcement, and other members of the public are aware of it.

Legally enabled safety zones allow transportation agencies to post 20 mph speed limits after approval by the elected body responsible for a jurisdiction. Provide guidance and support for communities interested in using this law.

MassDOT's Shared Streets and Spaces Grant Program has awarded \$50 million dollars total to 183 municipalities resulting in 494 projects. The program continues to be a model for other states by providing technical and funding assistance to help Massachusetts municipalities conceive, design, and implement changes to curbs, streets, plazas, and parking areas in support of public health and safe mobility.

**ONE SUCCESS** Massachusetts adopted a safe passing law with a defined safe distance of 3 feet. Massachusetts has now taken all five of our key Bicycle Friendly Actions!

**TOP TIP** Massachusetts had the highest score for our Every Ride Counts category but has indicated that it would like to do more to establish a comprehensive program of before/after counts to evaluate progress while making the case for increased cycling facilities statewide. This would be a tremendous step as a leader in counting practices.

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership <b>0.9% of commuters</b> biking to work	5/50
Safety <b>2.4 fatalities</b> per 10K bike commuters	4/50
Spending <b>\$4.23 per capita</b> FHWA spending on biking and walking	12/50

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	63%	5/50
Infrastructure	98%	4/50
Laws	63%	12/50
Policies	97%	3/50
Capacity & Support	90%	10/50
Safety	74%	4/50
Every Ride Counts	73%	1/50

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