



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):
League of Michigan Bicyclists,
Programs to Educate All Cyclists
(PEAC)

2024

MICHIGAN

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

#2 Midwestern 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	No	
Speed limit laws for #SlowRoads	No	

FEEDBACK

Michigan 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 Michigan's streets. Public Act 33 provides more local control over speed limit setting and the Michigan DOT can support safe choices by local communities with guidance.

Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements. Local advocates report recent increases in funding for bicycling and walking projects, so make sure those efforts are reported and reflected in federal data.

Michigan has a bicyclist fatality rate worse than the national average. High-speed arterial roadways, often owned by a state DOT, are the most common place people biking are killed. Improve those roadways to improve bicycle safety. Michigan's NHTSA data did not indicate roadway ownership for nearly 70% of bicyclist fatalities, obscuring the agencies responsible for dangerous roadways in the state.

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 A Michigan Department of Natural Resources land use order approved in August of 2024 expanded the operation of electric bicycles (e-bikes) on state-managed trails and pathways currently open to bicycles.

TOP TIP Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements. In the 10 years before 2020 the state only missed that metric twice, but has not met it any of the last three years.

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.3% of commuters biking to work	23/50
Safety 18.5 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	34/50
Spending \$2.44 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	40/50

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	48%	29/50
Infrastructure	83%	16/50
Laws	46%	28/50
Policies	74%	12/50
Capacity & Support	92%	6/50
Safety	47%	30/50
Every Ride Counts	48%	12/50