



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):  
Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota,  
RideMN1

2024

**MINNESOTA**

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

**#1 Midwestern REGIONAL RANK (OF 13)**

Bicycle Friendly Actions	Action Taken	Progress <small>SINCE LAST REPORT CARD</small>
<b>Complete Streets Law/Policy</b>	Yes	
<b>Safe Passing Law (3ft+)</b>	Yes	
<b>Statewide bike plan last 10 years</b>	Yes	
<b>2%+ federal funds on bike/pedestrian</b>	Yes	
<b>Speed limit laws for #SlowRoads</b>	Yes	

## FEEDBACK

Congratulations on adopting the Omnibus Transportation Finance and Policy Bill, which included nearly all the provisions in the Bill Dooley Bicycle Safety Act. This bill supports investments in bicycling and bicycle education, such as the Walk, Bike, Fun! program of BikeMN that the League proudly featured in a webinar this year. We look forward to the continued investment in bicycling and getting children ready to ride!

The Omnibus Transportation Finance and Policy Bill included a statewide e-bike rebate program. This is an exciting initiative that provides a discount of up to \$1,500 on a qualifying e-bike. The discount is 50-75% of a buyer's qualifying expenses, depending on their income.

Minnesota's lowest scoring category is the Laws category, primarily due to the state not having any laws in place to enable automated enforcement of traffic laws. Automated enforcement can provide 24/7 enforcement that discourages dangerous behaviors like speeding, and can provide data and funding that supports street changes to prevent speeding from happening.

Minnesota needs to ensure that high-level changes to laws and policies are spread to division offices and the day-to-day work of staff. With bold policies around reducing vehicle miles traveled, complete streets, and moving away from using the 85th percentile method of speed limit setting, the agency needs to dedicate resources to ensuring these changes have real world impact.

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](#).

**ONE SUCCESS**  
Minnesota passed and adopted the Omnibus Transportation Finance and Policy Bill, which included nearly all the provisions in the Bill Dooley Bicycle Safety Act. This bill supports investments in bicycling and bicycle education, such as the Walk, Bike, Fun!

**TOP TIP**  
Transportation is the largest source of carbon emissions in Minnesota and the state legislature has passed laws in 2023 and 2024 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Minnesota DOT needs to ensure that projects reflect state laws and goals to reduce emissions and vehicle miles traveled.

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership <b>0.5% of commuters</b> biking to work	18/50
Safety <b>5.6 fatalities</b> per 10K bike commuters	10/50
Spending <b>\$5.32 per capita FHWA</b> spending on biking and walking	7/50

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	68%	2/50
Infrastructure	98%	2/50
Laws	43%	34/50
Policies	86%	6/50
Capacity & Support	82%	14/50
Safety	70%	8/50
Every Ride Counts	53%	11/50