



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):
Palmetto Cycling Coalition

2024

SOUTH CAROLINA #47 NATIONAL RANK (OF 50) #12 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+)	No	↔
Statewide bike plan last 10 years	Yes	↑
2%+ federal funds on bike/pedestrian	No	↔
Speed limit laws for #SlowRoads	No	↔

FEEDBACK

Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety. South Carolina is one of only 10 states that does not define a safe distance.

In 2022, South Carolina adopted its first-ever statewide Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Plan. This should provide a basis for investments, safety improvements, and coordination with communities throughout the state.

Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements. Over the last five years, 17% of traffic fatalities in South Carolina have been people biking or walking, and funding should reflect the need to invest in their safety.

South Carolina regularly meets the threshold for the federal Vulnerable Road User Special Rule and therefore is required to spend Highway Safety Improvement Program funds on vulnerable road user safety. The state's bike plan should inform these safety investments.

South Carolina has a bicyclist fatality rate worse than the national average. In the last five years, more than 80% of bicyclist fatalities occurred on state-owned arterial roadways according to NHTSA data. 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 South Carolina adopted its first-ever statewide bicycle plan in 2022 and we are excited to see implementation.

TOP TIP Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements. Over the last five years, 17% of traffic fatalities in South Carolina have been people biking or walking, and funding should reflect the need to invest in their safety.

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.2% of commuters biking to work	40/50
Safety 45 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	48/50
Spending \$2.45 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	39/50

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	32%	48/50
Infrastructure	28%	45/50
Laws	11%	48/50
Policies	63%	21/50
Capacity & Support	42%	35/50
Safety	27%	46/50
Every Ride Counts	8%	38/50