



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):
South Dakota Bicycle Coalition

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SOUTH DAKOTA **#45** NATIONAL RANK (OF 50) COMPARED TO LAST REPORT CARD: **1** **#11** Midwestern REGIONAL RANK (OF 13)

Bicycle Friendly Actions	Action Taken	Progress <small>SINCE LAST REPORT CARD</small>
Complete Streets Law/Policy	No	
Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	Yes	
Statewide bike plan last 10 years	No	
2%+ federal funds on bike/pedestrian	No	
Speed limit laws for #SlowRoads	No	

FEEDBACK

Adopt a statewide Complete Streets policy or other policy that institutionalizes planning, designing, and building safe places for people to bike and walk as part of the transportation system. South Dakota is one of only 14 states without a resolution, policy, or law that addresses creating a transportation system for all of the ways that people move.

South Dakota remains one of only five states that has never adopted a statewide bike plan. A statewide bike plan can guide investments and leverage planning local and national planning efforts. South Dakota may want to consider recreational development opportunities related to national efforts like the United States Bicycle Route System that North Dakota participates in or the Great American Rail Trail that runs through neighboring Nebraska as part of statewide planning efforts.

South Dakota 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 South Dakota's streets.

South Dakota is one of only four states that has taken only one of the League's five recommended Bicycle Friendly Actions. While South Dakota has a relatively low rate of bicyclist fatalities, it is not taking actions necessary to support and grow bicycling.

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 Seven communities throughout South Dakota have received Safe Streets and Roads for All grants to create comprehensive safety action plans with a goal of significantly decreasing traffic deaths.

TOP TIP South Dakota is one of only five states that has never adopted a statewide bike plan. Adopting a statewide bike plan can guide investments and improvements.

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.3% of commuters biking to work	30/50
Safety 5.8 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	13/50
Spending \$5.17 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	8/50

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	35%	46/50
Infrastructure	34%	43/50
Laws	43%	37/50
Policies	0%	50/50
Capacity & Support	48%	29/50
Safety	59%	18/50
Every Ride Counts	0%	48/50