



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):
BikeTexas

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TEXAS **#30** NATIONAL RANK (OF 50) COMPARED TO LAST REPORT CARD: **1** **#6** 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	No	
2%+ federal funds on bike/pedestrian	No	
Speed limit laws for #SlowRoads	Yes	

FEEDBACK

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

The Texas Long-Range Transportation Plan includes several discussions of bicyclist and pedestrian travel, including action items related to district plans and the creation of a Texas Bicycle Tourism Trails Network. While these are promising efforts, the League typically does not recognize components of a Long-Range plan for its statewide bike plan action. Where we have, the component is more extensive, with Michigan being a recent example. For now, we continue to count Texas as one of just five states that have not adopted a statewide bike plan.

Texas sets default urban area speed limits above 20 miles per hour and does not provide clear legal authority or guidance for how cities may establish 20 mile per hour speed limits on streets in urban areas. We know that slow road save lives and clearer laws and guidance supporting slower streets will benefit the safety of all people using Texas' streets.

Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements. Texas regularly meets the threshold that requires Highway Safety Improvement Program funds to be spent on bicyclist and pedestrian safety, which should make this key metric easy to achieve.

Texas spends a very low amount of federal funding on biking and walking per capita – less than the cost of one Whataburger Jr. annually per person.

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 The Texas Long-Range Transportation Plan includes some great ideas such as the creation of a Texas Bicycle Tourism Trails Network that can be built upon in the state's first-ever bicycle plan.

TOP TIP In the last 10 years, Texas has only spent 2% of more of its federal funding on biking and walking once. Ensuring consistent funding for biking and walking improvements at a higher level is important to improving conditions.

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.2% of commuters biking to work	41/50
Safety 25.7 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	36/50
Spending \$2.03 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	44/50

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	46%	35/50
Infrastructure	61%	31/50
Laws	14%	47/50
Policies	54%	30/50
Capacity & Support	92%	7/50
Safety	57%	20/50
Every Ride Counts	37%	20/50