



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):
Bike Utah

2024

UTAH

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

#5 Western 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

Utah 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 Utah's streets.

Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements. Utah has not met this key Bicycle Friendly Action metric since 2012 and has not spent 1% of its federal funds on biking and walking since 2014. While there may be advantages to using state funds for bicycling projects, federal funds typically cover 80% of project costs and the choice to not use federal funds for biking and walking misses out on that opportunity.

Utah spends the lowest reported amount of federal funding on biking and walking per capita. Spend more and/or improve reporting practices to make sure your investments are counted.

In contrast to the reported use of federal funding, Utah spends significant state funding on biking and walking. This includes the vision of a state-funded trail network program where UDOT will work with local communities to build and maintain trails as part of the state's transportation system.

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 Utah Trail Network, with the goal of completing a core backbone of safe and family-friendly active transportation facilities serving communities across Utah, is a very exciting initiative.

TOP TIP Utah's low use of federal funding for biking and walking makes the state's efforts difficult to evaluate as it appears to reflect a policy choice to use state rather than federal funds for biking and walking.

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.5% of commuters biking to work	16/50
Safety 8.8 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	21/50
Spending \$0.36 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	50/50

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	63%	7/50
Infrastructure	85%	11/50
Laws	43%	35/50
Policies	66%	18/50
Capacity & Support	80%	15/50
Safety	34%	40/50
Every Ride Counts	59%	7/50