



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):
West Virginia Connecting Communities

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WEST VIRGINIA

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

#8 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+)	Yes	
Statewide bike plan last 10 years	Yes	
2%+ federal funds on bike/pedestrian	No	
Speed limit laws for #SlowRoads	No	

FEEDBACK

Adopt a law prohibiting a motorist from opening an automobile's door unless the motorist is able to do so safely. West Virginia is one of only eight states that has not adopted this type of law to reduce "dooring."

Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements. The last year that West Virginia achieved this key Bicycle Friendly Action metric was 2010.

West Virginia 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 West Virginia's streets.

West Virginia has one of the lowest rates of bicycling to work in the nation. Bicycling is cheap, safe, and reliable. Work with cities to provide networks that allow more people to safely bike to work.

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 While West Virginia has not achieved our key Bicycle Friendly Action of spending at least two percent of federal transportation funds on bicycling and walking projects, the past two years show a record use of federal funds on bicycling and walking projects for the state.

TOP TIP Seven communities throughout West Virginia have received Safe Streets and Roads for All grants to create comprehensive safety action plans with a goal of significantly decreasing traffic deaths. These plans provide a great opportunity for partnership with the state to create safer streets.

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.1% of commuters biking to work	47/50
Safety 28.4 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	41/50
Spending \$4.49 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	10/50

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	55%	18/50
Infrastructure	49%	38/50
Laws	46%	31/50
Policies	77%	11/50
Capacity & Support	42%	33/50
Safety	49%	25/50
Every Ride Counts	0%	47/50