



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):
Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin

2024

WISCONSIN **#27** NATIONAL RANK (OF 50) COMPARED TO LAST REPORT CARD: **1** **#8** Midwestern 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	Yes	↔

FEEDBACK

Wisconsin is the only state to ever repeal a Complete Streets law. The Wisconsin DOT has adopted Facilities Development Manual 11-46 on Bicycle and Pedestrian Elements Affecting Complete Streets to implement Complete Streets as an agency. The adopted policy requires that projects must give due consideration to establishing bicycle accommodations and pedestrian facilities on all modernization and most rehabilitation projects. While we recognize this Bicycle Friendly Action, it still provides less support for Complete Streets than the law that was repealed and we would welcome further action.

Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements. Since 2010, Wisconsin has only achieved this key Bicycle Friendly Action metric once.

Wisconsin spends a very low amount of federal funding on biking and walking per capita. Spend more and/or improve reporting practices to make sure your investments are counted.

Wisconsin has a wonderful state trail network, however many trails have fallen into disrepair. Wisconsin's DOT successfully obligated millions of dollars for deferred maintenance to the Recreational Trail Program in 2024 through federal redistribution funding and should continue to look for ways to ensure the trail network is in great shape.

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 Wisconsin DOT contracted with Wisconsin Bike Fed to provide technical assistance to communities of less than 5,000 people in accessing Transportation Alternatives funding. Thanks to this partnership, communities of less than 5,000 people submitted over \$50 million in proposals for TAP funding.

TOP TIP Wisconsin is not required to spend Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds according to the Vulnerable Road User Special Rule, but should nevertheless use the ability of HSIP funds to serve as a local match so that communities can get projects fully federally funded.

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.5% of commuters biking to work	17/50
Safety 6.7 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	16/50
Spending \$1.18 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	48/50

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	47%	31/50
Infrastructure	78%	23/50
Laws	46%	29/50
Policies	54%	27/50
Capacity & Support	58%	26/50
Safety	72%	6/50
Every Ride Counts	33%	23/50