



Bicycle Friendly State Application

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Legislation and Enforcement

*** 1. What state laws specific to bicyclists do you have? Check all that apply.**

A bicycle is considered a vehicle.

A bicyclist has the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicle operator.

There is a law requiring a safe passing distance of at least three feet.

A bicyclist can legally signal a right turn with his/her right hand.

Bicyclists are allowed to ride two abreast.

Photo enforcement is permitted by state law or enabling legislation.

There is a trip reduction law.

There is a state legislature bicycle caucus.

There are increased penalties for motorists who injure or kill vulnerable road users, including cyclists.

*** 2. Are the bicycle equipment related provisions of the state vehicle code consistent with the recommendations of Sections 12-701 through 709 of the Uniform Vehicle Code?**

Yes

No

*** 3. Can a bicyclist legally choose to ride on the road when there is shared use path or trail adjacent to the road, or is there a mandatory sidepath law? For more information, click**

<http://www.bikeleague.org/about/positions/cyclistsrights.php>

Can ride on road

Mandatory sidepath law

*** 4. When a bike lane is present, can a bicyclist legally choose to ride in the adjacent travel lane, or is there a mandatory bike lane use law that does not allow exceptions for cyclists to leave the lane?**

Can ride in lane

Mandatory bike lane use law

*** 5. Are bicyclists required to ride as far to the right as is practicable? For more information, click**

http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bicyclefriendlyamerica/bicyclefriendlystate/pdfs/uvc_bike.pdf

Yes

No

*** 5a. Does the law allow the following exceptions listed in the Uniform Vehicle Code?**

When overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction.

When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.

When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions including, but not limited to, fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or substandard width lanes that make it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or edge. For purposes of this section, a 'substandard width lane' is a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane.

When riding in the right turn only lane.



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*** 6. Does your state have language in its vehicle code prohibiting the opening of an automobile's door unless able to do so safely?**

Yes
No

*** 7. Is there a mandatory helmet law (by state law or enabling legislation)?**

Yes
No

*** 7a. To what ages does it apply?** Enter a range, 0 or larger

*** 8. Are there statewide restrictions for cell phones and/or texting while operating a motor vehicle? Please check all that apply.**

Cell phone ban (drivers 17 or younger)
Cell phone ban (all drivers)
Hands-free device required
Texting ban
No restrictions

*** 9. What is the legal status of cyclists using paved shoulders on state highways?**

Permitted to use the shoulder
Required to use the shoulder
Shoulder is not considered a travel lane

*** 10. Does the state have bicycling enforcement as a part of a Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) course?**

Yes
No

*** 11. Is bicycling enforcement training a police academy requirement?**

Yes
No

*** 12. Is bicycling enforcement a part of continuing officer training, particularly for traffic officers? For more information, click http://www.floridabicycle.org/resources/pdfs/PEGLEG_2010.pdf**

Yes
No

*** 13. Is information about bicyclists' rights and responsibilities made available to traffic court judges?**

Yes
No

Policies and Programs

*** 14. How many state department of transportation employees, expressed in FTEs, work on bicycle issues as detailed in their work description?**

Enter a whole number, 0 or larger

*** 15. How many state government employees in other departments work on bicycle issues as detailed in their work description?**

More than 50
25-49
11-24
1-10
None

***15a. What departments do they work in?**

Enter text



*** 16. Does the state have a Complete Streets or Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodation policy? For an example, click here. http://www.scdot.org/getting/pdfs/bike_resolution.pdf**

Complete Streets
Accommodation Policy
None

*** 16a. Is there training available to engineers and planners to properly implement the Complete Streets/Accommodation Policy?**

Yes
No

*** 16b. Does your state have a Complete Streets/Accommodation Policy checklist for state projects to ensure compliance/implementation?**

Yes
No

*** 16c. When was the policy adopted?**

Enter a 4-digit year

*** 17. Is there a policy that requires state office buildings, state park and recreation facilities, and other state facilities to provide bicycle parking?**

Yes
No

*** 18. Has your state provided any funding for the purchase and/or installation of bike parking racks at state buildings in the past three years?**

Yes
No

*** 19. Does your state have a bicycle facility design manual?**

Yes
No

*** 20. Does your state have a Traffic Control Devices manual?**

Yes
No

*** 21. How many miles of non-motorized natural surface trails in state parks/lands are there within the state?**

Enter a whole number, greater than 0

*** 21a. How many miles of these trails are open to off-road cyclists?**

Enter a whole number, greater than 0

*** 22. Is there a policy that permits bicyclists access to interstate highways within your state?**

Yes
No

*** 23. If your state has a land-use policy promoting smart growth does it include bicycling?**

Yes
No
Not Applicable

*** 24. Does your state coordinate with neighboring states, provinces or countries regarding bicycling issues?**

Yes
No

*** 25. Does your state have a rumble strip policy and/or standard design drawings that include a minimum clear space of 4 feet for bicycles? For more information click here.**

http://www.bikeleague.org/resources/reports/pdfs/rumble_strips.pdf

Yes
No



*** 26. Does the state have a policy to provide bicycle access across major bridges (e.g. crossing rivers, tolled facilities) and tunnels?**

Yes
No

Infrastructure and Funding

*** 27. What percentage of the state highway network has paved shoulders greater than or equal to 4 feet wide?**

76 to 100%
51 to 75%
26 to 50%
0 to 25%

*** 28. How does the state assess and inform people about the provisions for cyclists on the state highway network?**

Bicycle level of service
Suitability index
Not applicable

*** 29. What is the estimated total number of center lane miles of shared use paths, owned and operated by the state, that meet the recommended design guidelines in the AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities?**

Enter a whole number, larger than 0

*** 30. What is the state's current obligation rate (obligated divided by apportioned funds) for the following bicycle and trail related funding programs?**

*** 30a. Transportation enhancements. For more information, click**

<http://www.enhancements.org/Stateprofile.asp>

Enter a decimal number

*** 30b. Recreational trails. For more information, click**

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/rectrails/>

Enter a decimal number

*** 30c. Safe Routes to School. For more information, click**

<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/>

Enter a decimal number

*** 31. What is the total percentage spent on bicycling projects in the past five years (2007-11) for the following federal funding programs? Please reference the funding chart at LINK TBA.**

*** 31a. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ). For more information, click**

http://www.bikeleague.org/resources/reports/pdfs/lab_cmaq.pdf

Enter a percentage

*** 31b. Surface Transportation, not including Transportation enhancements.**

Enter a percentage

*** 31c. Transportation enhancements. For more information, click**

<http://www.enhancements.org/Stateprofile.asp>

Enter a percentage

*** 31d. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). For more information, click**

http://www.bikeleague.org/resources/reports/highway_safety_improvement_program.php

Enter a percentage

*** 31e. State Planning and Research (SP&R). For more information, click**

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/research/tfhrc/>

Enter a percentage



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*** 31f. Section 402 State and Community Highway Safety Grants.** For more information, click http://www.bikeleague.org/resources/reports/pdfs/section_402.pdf
Enter a percentage

*** 32. Does the state have any dedicated funding sources, in addition to federal programs for bicycle and/or pedestrian projects?**

Yes
No

*** 33. How has the state identified a network or system of state bicycle routes? Check all that apply. For more information, click http://www.dot.state.pa.us/BIKE/WEB/tour_routes.htm**

A publically available map
Signed or marked routes
Signed US Bike Route System routes
None of the above

*** 34. Can bicycles be brought on the following types of rail cars and buses? Check all that apply.**

Amtrak trains
Regional passenger rail (with rush hour/other restrictions)
Regional passenger rail (no rush hour/other restrictions)
State owned and operated buses
None of the above
Not applicable

Education and Encouragement

*** 35. Which of the following education programs or training does the state offer or sponsor?**

Share the road campaign
Driver training for state employees
State commercial drivers license test with questions on motorists' rights and responsibilities towards cyclists
Information on the rights and responsibilities of the motorist/bicyclist interaction in the state drivers manual
State bicycle drivers manual
Statewide Safe Routes to School curriculum
Police training on state vehicle code as it applies to bicyclists
Diversion program for traffic offenders that includes information on sharing the road with bicyclists
None of the above

*** 36. Is there an active statewide advocacy group? For more information click <http://www.peoplepoweredmovement.org/site/index.php/site/memberservices/C530>**

Yes
No

*** 37. Does your state tourism board actively fund or otherwise promote bicycle tourism? For an example, click <http://www.colorado.com/Articles.aspx?aid=42436>**

Yes
No

*** 38. How many League Cycling Instructor seminars have been held in your state in the last three years?**

Seven or more
Four to six
One to three
None

*** 39. Does your state have, promote or encourage bicycling in any of the following ways? Check all that apply.**

Cross-state ride or equivalent
Professional multi-day stage race
State-sponsored major bicycling event
Bike Month support or proclamation
Bike to Work Day or commuter challenge
Bike or walk to school event



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Governor's ride
Calendar of events
State-sponsored bicycling specific website
State-sponsored bicycling route planning website
None of the above

*** 40. Does the state measure the number of state employees riding to work by bike?**

Yes
No

Evaluation and Planning

*** 41. According to the most recent American Community Survey data, what percentage of people ride bicycles in your state?**

Enter a percentage

*** 42. Does the state have a current statewide bike plan? For more information, click <http://www.bicyclinginfo.org/develop/sample-plans.cfm>**

Yes
No

*** 42a. How much of this plan has been implemented?**

None
Some
Most
All

*** 42b. Does the statewide bicycle plan include performance measures and/or a project list to help measure progress toward implementation of the plan?**

Yes
No

*** 42c. When was it passed?**

Enter a 4-digit year

*** 43. Is bicycle safety addressed in the state [Highway Safety Plan](http://www.nhtsa.gov/nhtsa/whatsup/tea21/tea21programs/pages/PedBikeSafety.htm) <http://www.nhtsa.gov/nhtsa/whatsup/tea21/tea21programs/pages/PedBikeSafety.htm>?**

Yes
No

*** 44. Is there a state bicycle advisory council (<http://www.mnsbac.org/>) that meets regularly?**

Yes
No

*** 44a. How often does the council meet?**

Annually
Quarterly
Monthly

*** 44b. Is there interagency participation in the council?**

Yes
No

*** 44c. Is there bicycle user group representation in the council?**

Yes
No

*** 44d. Who is the chair and what is their email address?**

Enter text

*** 45. Does the state have a target for bicycle ridership?**

Yes
No



*** 45a. What is it?**
Enter a number

*** 46. Does the state have a target for single-occupancy vehicle trips?**
Yes
No

*** 46a. What is it?**
Enter a number

*** 47. Does the state have a target for vehicle miles traveled?**
Yes
No

*** 47a. What is it?**
Enter a number

*** 48. Has the state performed an economic impact study that includes bicycling?**
Yes
No

*** 48a. Please describe the results.**
200-word limit

*** 49. What is the total number of bicyclist fatalities that have been recorded in the last five years?**
Enter a number

*** 50. Is there currently a regularly scheduled statewide bicycle conference? For an example, click http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bicyclefriendlyamerica/bicyclefriendlystate/pdfs/state_bike_summit_guide.pdf**
Yes
No

*** 51. What is the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) data about bicycle ownership or use rates?**
Enter number

*** 52. Does any state agency have a statewide plan, MOU/MOA, regarding mountain bike trails, or partnership with a mountain bike trail advocacy organization? For more information, click <http://www.imba.com/resources/organizing/sample-documents>**
Yes
No

*** 53. If your state has a plan for reducing carbon emissions, does it include bicycle use? For more information, click <http://www.mde.state.md.us/assets/document/Air/ClimateChange/Chapter4.pdf>**
Yes
No

General (Optional Bonus Credit)

*** 54. Please give the three most impressive aspects of bicycling in your state.**
500-word limit

*** 55. Please give three aspects that must be improved in order to make the state more bicycle friendly.**
500-word limit

*** 56. Which of the following departments and groups assisted in completing this application? Check all that apply.**

- State Department of Transportation
- State Resource Agency
- State Department of Education
- State Department of Public Health
- State Department of Public Safety



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Local Municipalities
Statewide Bicycle Advocacy Group
Regional Bicycle Advocacy Group
Local Bicycle Advocacy Group
Other