



Massachusetts

RANKING # 4

REGIONAL RANKING » EAST #2

GOVERNOR: Charlie Baker

DOT SECRETARY & CEO: Stephanie Pollack

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Josh Lehman

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: MassBike

CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

3 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

4 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

3 INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

4 EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

3 EVALUATION AND PLANNING

TOP 10 SIGNS OF SUCCESS

= NEW IN 2015

1% OR MORE OF PEOPLE COMMUTING BY BIKE

SAFE PASSING LAW (3 FEET OR GREATER)



COMPLETE STREETS POLICY



DEDICATED STATE FUNDING



ACTIVE STATE ADVOCACY GROUP



STATE BICYCLE PLAN (ADOPTED 2005 OR LATER)



SHARE THE ROAD CAMPAIGN

VULNERABLE ROAD USER LAW



BICYCLE SAFETY EMPHASIS IN STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN

2% OR MORE FEDERAL FUNDS SPENT ON BIKE/PED

OVERALL POINTS

55 of 100

2014: 53 of 100

FEEDBACK

- Continue the GreenDOT Implementation Plan which began in 2014 and incorporate current design guidance in MassDOT's Project Development and Design Guide. Update Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plans, in keeping with our current objectives and mandates, such as the GreenDOT plan.
- The state could spend more federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians. Adopt project prioritization criteria for federal funds that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations.
- Adopt a law allowing transportation agencies to post 20 mph or lower speed limits under certain circumstances.
- Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety.
- Adopt a vulnerable road user law that increases penalties for a motorist that injures or kills a bicyclist or pedestrian. Model language is available here: <http://bikeleague.org/content/model-legislation>.
- Adopt a policy requiring state office buildings, state park and recreation facilities, and other state facilities to provide bicycle parking.
- Hold a bicycle ride sponsored by the Governor and/or legislators to show their constituents that their elected officials support bicycling.
- Since arterial and collector roads are the backbone of every transportation network, it is essential to provide adequate bicycle facilities along these roads. Increase the percentage of state highway network that has paved shoulders or bike lanes greater or equal to 4 feet wide.

The Bicycle Friendly States ranking is based on a comprehensive survey completed by state departments of transportation and state bicycling advocates. It asks comprehensive questions across 5 categories: Legislation and Enforcement, Policies and Programs, Infrastructure and Funding, Education and Encouragement, Evaluation and Planning. The results listed above provide only a snap shot of the full application. They are intended to offer some ideas for further growth in bicycle friendliness. For more information, visit www.bikeleague.org/states or contact Ken McLeod at (202)-822-1333 or ken@bikeleague.org.