



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE

# CALIFORNIA



## 2018 PROGRESS REPORT

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2017 ranking

TOTAL COUNTS

BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES	66
BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES	101
BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES	17

REGION: WEST

### 2018 Progress Report

California's bicycling to work data remarkably mirrors the Western regional average over the last ten years.

Where California really separates itself and shows promise is its recent use of federal funding for bicycling and walking.

After a widely publicized external audit of the CalTrans published by the State Smart Transportation Initiative in 2014, the state began an upward trend in the percent of federal funding spent on bicycling and walking. In 2013 and 2014, California essentially matched the national average rate of spending on bicycling and walking, but in each of the last three fiscal years that rate has increased - reaching a 10 year high in fiscal year 2017.

Bicycle Friendly Actions ✓ = New Progress in 2018	
Complete Streets Law / Policy	Yes
Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	Yes
Statewide bike plan in last 10 years	Yes
Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area	Yes
2% or more fed funds on bike/ped (in last five fiscal years)	Yes

### Featured Statewide Member - California Bicycle Coalition



The California Bicycle Coalition advocates for equitable, inclusive, and prosperous communities where bicycling helps to enable all Californians to lead healthy and joyful lives.

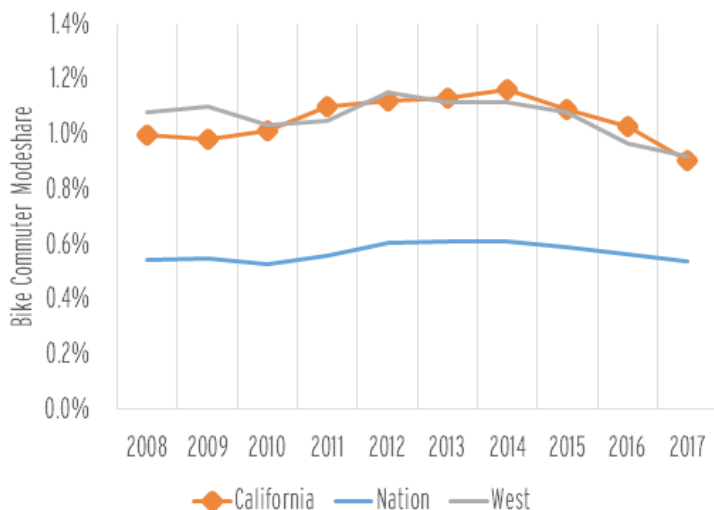
Our work centers on these four goals:

1. Prioritize low-income communities and communities of color in transportation spending and policy decisions.
2. Improve the built environment for biking, walking and transit.
3. Change our transportation policies to support an equitable, environmentally sustainable, and safe future.
4. Strengthen the power of the transportation justice movement.

The League of American Bicyclists has several other statewide member groups in California, including:

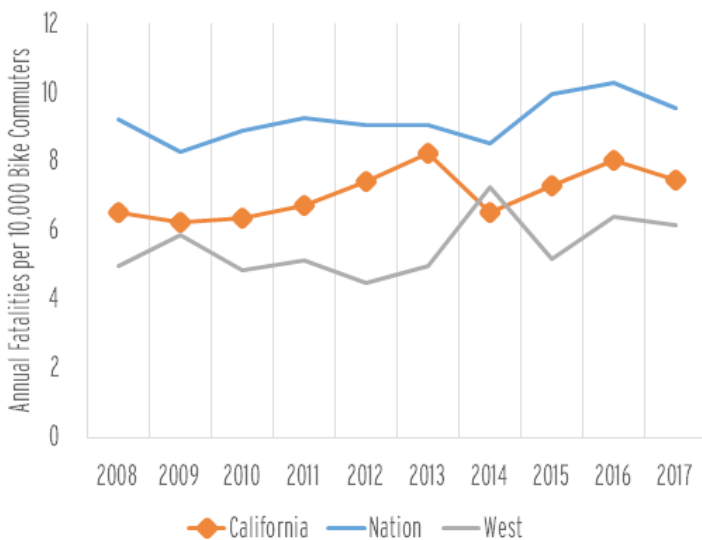
The California Association of Bicycle Organizations, Bikeducation, The California Electric Bicycle Association, and the Sylvia Bingham Fund.

Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
Ridership	1.1% of commuters biking to work	Slight increase in bike commuting	5/50

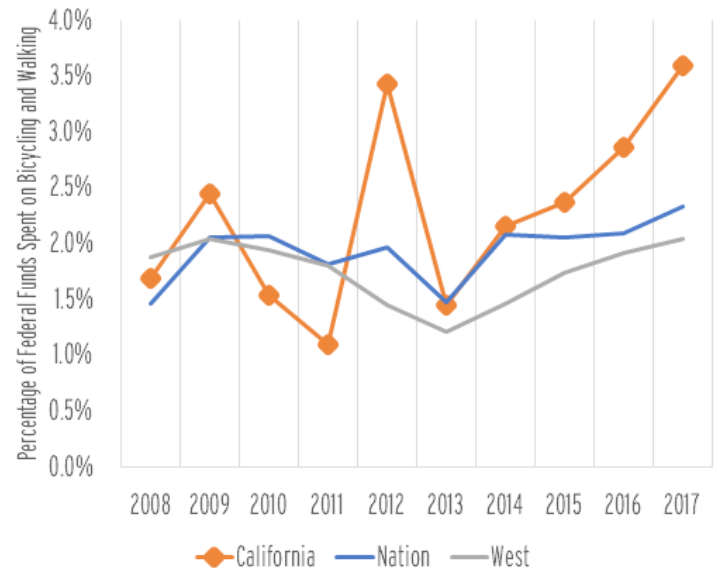


This Progress Report provides an update on California's efforts related to bicycling. A full report card based upon a comprehensive survey is available at: <http://bikeleague.org/content/state-report-cards>

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<b>Safety</b>	<b>7.1</b> fatalities per 10k bike commuters	<b>More dangerous, but not strongly</b>	<b>20/50</b>



Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
<b>Spending</b>	<b>2.3%</b> of FHWA spending on biking and walking	<b>One of 10 largest increases in funding</b>	<b>15/50</b>



## Featured Agency - CalTrans (Agency did not respond)

Caltrans has had an open and productive engagement with active transportation in recent years.

In 2014, a report by the State Smart Transportation Initiative that was commissioned by Governor Jerry Brown and California Transportation Secretary Brian Kelly pointed out many issues with bicycle planning in California. This included findings that "Caltrans' peculiar standards on bicycle facilities even pertain to locally owned streets, precluding some active transportation initiatives," and that "[t]he agency and department should support, or propose if no bill is forthcoming, legislation to end the archaic practice of imposing state rules on local streets for bicycle facilities." This recommendation came to fruition in the Protected Bikeways Act of 2014, which created Class IV Bikeways for the state of California - allowing the spread of separated bike lanes in the state.

In 2015, these efforts were aligned with the Caltrans Strategic Management Plan which called for a tripling of bicycle trips between 2015 and 2020 and a 10% reduction in the number of bicyclist fatalities.

In 2017, California adopted its first statewide bicycle and pedestrian plan, "Toward an Active California" to support those goals.

Altogether, these actions show a procedural and interlocking set of changes in California setting the stage for continued improvements.



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Every member organization of the League of American Bicyclists gets free access to a powerful advocacy software package. In 2017, the League facilitated over a dozen actions that engaged thousands of people. In New Jersey, these efforts led to a law that requires that drivers are educated about bicyclist and pedestrian safety as part of their driver's license training.

Learn about current actions and how your organization can use our tools at <https://bikeleague.org/TakeAction>