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South Dakota, perhaps unsurprisingly, is very similar to North Dakota according to federal data.

Both states have very similar levels of bicycling to work and the use of federal funds for bicycling and walking.

The big divergence is in bicyclist safety, where South Dakota has five years with zero bicyclist traffic deaths while North Dakota only has one. It is tempting to read into this data the impact of South Dakota having a safe passing law while North Dakota does not, but that is likely overly simplistic.

If either state decides to create a statewide bicycle plan, it may be interesting to tease out the differences that led to such a strong divergence.

Federal Data on Biking

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<td>One of 5 largest decreases in bike commuting</td>
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Bicycle Friendly Actions

- **Complete Streets Law / Policy**: No
- **Safe Passing Law (3ft+)**: Yes
- **Statewide bike plan in last 10 years**: No
- **Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area**: No
- **2% or more fed funds on bike/ped (in last five fiscal years)**: No

Featured Statewide Member - South Dakota Bicycle Coalition

While the South Dakota Bicycle Coalition is a current member organization of the League of American Bicyclists, we were unable to find a mission statement or other statements that include information on current efforts in the state.

There is one local advocacy organizations that s a member of the League in South Dakota:

- Live Well Sioux Falls.

In addition there are 3 bicycle clubs that are members of the League in South Dakota:

- Falls Area Bicyclists,
- Oahe Wheelmen, and
- Capital City Bicycle Club.
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**Featured Agency - South Dakota Department of Transportation (Agency did not respond)**

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT), according to our records, has never adopted a statewide bicycle master plan laying out the agency’s policies and goals related to bicycling.

According to data reported to the Federal Highway Administration for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside program, South Dakota provided funding to approximately 49% of the applications for funding to that program in fiscal year 2017.

The SDDOT website features a roadway characteristic map and traffic flow map that are intended to help bicyclists find lower volume, better suited, roadways. More information is available at http://www.sddot.com/travelers/bicycle/.

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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

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