



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE

## TENNESSEE



### 2018 PROGRESS REPORT

#27  
2017 ranking

TOTAL COUNTS  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES 4  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 42  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 2

REGION: SOUTH

### 2018 Progress Report

Tennessee, according to its federal data, is trying to improve conditions for bicyclists and pedestrians, but has yet to see significant returns on its investments.

Tennessee's use of federal funds for bicycling and walking is just outside the top 10, with a slight increase in the rate of funding over the last decade.

Unfortunately, Tennessee's rate of bicycling to work has remained relatively steady as the third lowest rate in the country over the last decade.

One missing component, that may help to catalyze better results, is a statewide bicycle plan which could supplement the Department of Transportation's multimodal accommodation efforts and its popular Multimodal Access Grant program by providing additional data analysis on which investments are most needed.

Bicycle Friendly Actions ✓ = New Progress in 2018	
Complete Streets Law / Policy	Yes
Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	Yes
Statewide bike plan in last 10 years	No
Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area	Yes
2% or more fed funds on bike/ped (in last five fiscal years)	Yes

### Featured Statewide Members - Bike Walk Tennessee & Jeff Roth Cycling Foundation

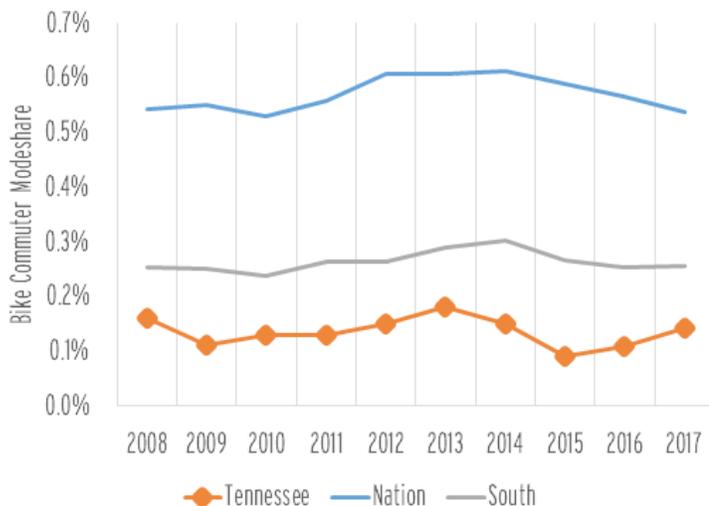


Bike Walk Tennessee is a network of individuals and groups who create power through a unified statewide voice for bicycling and walking. Our network is deeply interested in creating safer streets across Tennessee, and we come together in a community of sharing, service, and support to leverage combined resources that achieve great results. Bike Walk Tennessee serves as a statewide voice to advance public policy that improves economic development, health equity, and quality of life. Bike Walk Tennessee connects and educates members and constituents to create regional, statewide, and national efforts that support biking and walking in Tennessee.



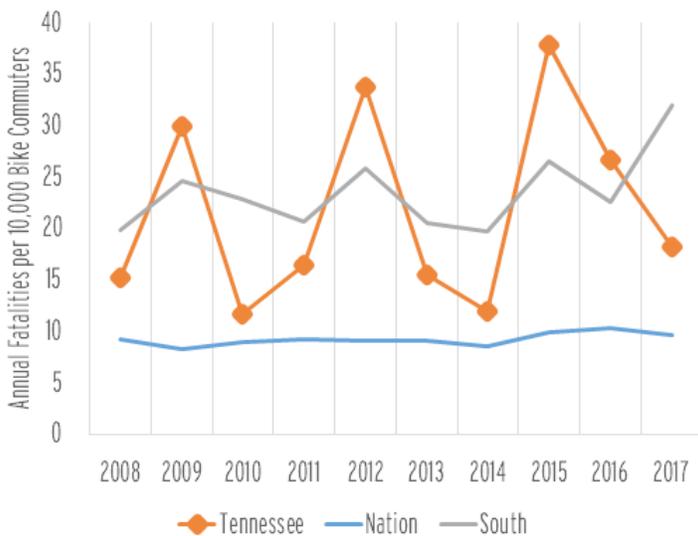
The JEFF ROTH CYCLING FOUNDATION promotes cycling, through advocacy and education, as a safe and healthy form of recreation and transportation. We are increasing awareness of the Jeff Roth/Brian Brown Protection Act of 2007 and promoting a harmonious relationship between motorists and cyclists, as the number of commuting cyclists are ever increasing in our state of Tennessee and our country.

Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
Ridership	0.1% of commuters biking to work	Slight decrease in bike commuting	48/50

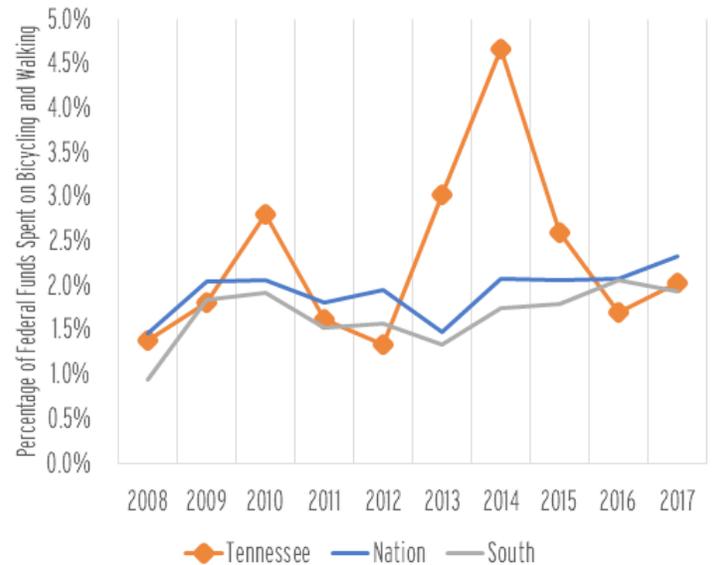


This Progress Report provides an update on Tennessee's efforts related to bicycling. A full report card based upon a comprehensive survey is available at: <http://bikeleague.org/content/state-report-cards>

Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
<b>Safety</b>	<b>21.7</b> fatalities per 10k bike commuters	<b>One of 10 most more dangerous</b>	<b>42/50</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>Slight increase in funding</b>	<b>12/50</b>



## Featured Agency - Tennessee Department of Transportation

TDOT has launched its own Multimodal (MM) Scoping Manual and Design Chapter in a committed effort to institutionalize MM design throughout the State's vast engineering sector. Trainings on this new resource were conducted in June 2018 at each of the regional TDOT offices and with external stakeholders including consultants and MPOs. This effort "is the single greatest catalyst in our toolbox. ... [a]s a result, multimodal accommodation will be institutionalized because the tools and internal processes now exist to support it."

"Also of note is our Pedestrian Road Safety Initiative (PRSI) which dedicates a percentage of HSIP funds based on the State's rate of pedestrian fatalities specifically to develop pedestrian spot safety improvements that also improves the safety of transit users and bicyclists. TDOT has developed a road diet evaluation procedure which coincides with a soon-to-be launched 3 year projected resurfacing list. This list is posted online and will enable local governments time and process for requesting bicycle and pedestrian accommodations when resurfacing occurs.

TDOT has revived its very popular Multimodal Access Grant which dedicates \$45 million over the next three years toward bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects. The grant funds all phases of project development and requires only a 5% match requirement from local governments."



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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>