2018 Progress Report

Vermont, like several other small and/or rural states, have some variable data that should be read with caution. Most notably, Vermont has one of the 15 worst trends in its bicyclist traffic fatality rate largely due to one year when there were four bicyclist deaths. In general, bicycling in Vermont is rather safe, with the state boasting zero bicyclist deaths in seven out of the last 10 years.

In most federal data indicators, Vermont is consistently above the national and Eastern regional averages for each indicator despite the variability in data.

**Federal Data on Biking**

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<td>0.7% of commuters biking to work</td>
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**Local Motion**

Local Motion was founded in 1999 with a singular (and improbable) goal: to get people on bikes across the mouth of the Winooski River, where the Burlington Bike Path then came to an end.

Since then, we have grown to become Vermont’s statewide advocate for active transportation, vibrant communities, and safe streets.

Our mission is simple: to bring walking and biking within reach for all Vermonters. We make biking and walking safe, accessible and fun.

Local Motion’s recent strategic plan included the following goals:

- **GOAL**: 12,000+ kids and 750+ adults trained each year in safe biking
- **GOAL**: Vermont passes comprehensive bike & walk safety legislation
- **GOAL**: VTrans incorporates bike & walk safety into all projects
- **GOAL**: 15+ communities take action for better biking & walking
This Progress Report provides an update on Vermont’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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According to the Vermont Agency of Transportation’s website “The Bicycle and Pedestrian Program goal is to provide safe and convenient facilities for those Vermonter who desire alternative transportation opportunities.”

The website provides easy to access documentation of recent bicycle and pedestrian grant awards and an easy to navigate repository of bicycle count information from throughout the state.

According to data reported to the Federal Highway Administration for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside program, Vermont provided funding to approximately 65% of the applications for funding to that program in fiscal year 2017.

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

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.

The Bicycle Friendly States ranking is based on a comprehensive survey completed by state departments of transportation and state bicycling advocates. For more information, visit bikeleague.org/states or contact Ken McLeod at (202)-822-1333 or ken@bikeleague.org.