**California**

**REGIONAL RANKING**

**WEST #6**

**GOVERNOR:** Jerry Brown

**DOT COMMISSIONER:** Malcolm Dougherty

**BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR:** Unfilled

**STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:** California Bicycle Coalition

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**TOP 10 SIGNS OF SUCCESS**

- People commuting by bike (more than 1%)
- Safe passing/vulnerable road user law
- Complete streets policy
- Dedicated state funding
- Active state advocacy group
- State bicycle plan (adopted 2003 or later)
- Share the road campaign
- Bicycle education for police
- Bicycle safety emphasis in strategic highway safety plan
- Top 10 state for congestion mitigation and air quality spending

**FEEDBACK**

- Adopt performance measures, such as mode shift or a low percentage of exempted projects, to better track and support Complete Streets/Bike Accommodation Policy compliance.
- Adopt a state bicycle design manual that includes design drawings, guidance on when to use established and innovative design treatments, and public engagement.
- The state is spending a low amount of federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians. Adopt federal funding project rating criteria that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations.
- 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.
- Add language to the driver’s license manual, classes, and tests that addresses the interaction between motor vehicles and bicycles.
- Adopt a statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five “Es”, has clear implementation actions, and performance measures to gauge success.
- Adopt performance measures to decrease bicycle fatalities.
- Adopt a mode share goal for biking to encourage the integration of bicycle transportation needs into all transportation and land use policy and project decisions.
- Ensure that bicycle safety is a major emphasis in all transportation projects, programs and policies to address this issue.

**TOP TIP**

Utilize all MAP-21 funding programs - including TAP, HSIP, CMAQ, STP, and Section 402 - to include biking and walking in all transportation projects.

**RANKING # 19**

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 snapshot 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 Nicole Wynands at (202)-822-1333 or nicole@bikeleague.org.