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.

**Georgia**

**REGIONAL RANKING ★ SOUTH #4**

**GOVERNOR:** Nathan Deal

**DOT COMMISSIONER:** Keith Golden

**BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR:** Tamaya Huff

**STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:** Georgia Bikes!

**CATEGORY SCORES**

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**TOP 10 SIGNS OF SUCCESS**

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

**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.

**FEEDBACK**

- Adopt a law allowing transportation agencies to post 20 mph or lower speed limits under certain circumstances.
- Adopt a statewide, all-ages cell phone ban to combat distracted driving and increase safety for everyone.
- Collect data regarding enforcement actions against motorists based on incidents with bicycles, such as traffic tickets issued, prosecutions, or convictions.
- Since arterial and collector roads are the backbone of every transportation network, it is essential to provide adequate bicycle facilities along these roads. Increase the percentage of state highway network that has paved shoulders or bike lanes greater or equal to 4 feet wide.
- 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.
- Dedicate state funding for bicycle projects and programs, especially those focused on safety and eliminating gaps and increasing access for bicycle networks.
- The spark to get someone to ride a bike can come from many places. Promote Bike Month and Bike to Work Day.
- 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.