



Illinois

RANKING # 9

REGIONAL RANKING » MIDWEST #3

GOVERNOR: Pat Quinn

DOT COMMISSIONER: Ann Schneider

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Gabriel Sulkes

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: League of Illinois Bicyclists

CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

4 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

4 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

2 INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

4 EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

2 EVALUATION AND PLANNING

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

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 performance measures, such as a low percentage of exempted projects, to better track and support Complete Streets/Bike Accommodation Policy compliance.
- Adopt federal funding project rating criteria that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations, particularly in road projects. At least 80% of TA should be spend on bike/ped projects.
- Aggressively partner with bicycle advocates to promote the online bike safety learning quizzes for adult cyclists, motorists, and child cyclists, which are currently being developed. Ideally, the quizzes should be included in PE learning standards, and be routinely used in traffic school and drivers education programs.
- Collect data regarding enforcement actions against motorists based on incidents with bicycles, such as traffic tickets issued, prosecutions, or convictions. The new bike safety quizzes could be used as diversion or education tool.
- Add bicycle safety as an emphasis area in the state Strategic Highway Safety Plan and aggressively fund bike safety projects taking advantage of HSIP/402 funding.
- Adopt performance measures to decrease bicycle fatalities. Ensure that bicycle safety is a major emphasis in all transportation projects, programs and policies to address this issue.
- Adopt a statewide, all-ages cell phone ban to combat distracted driving and increase safety for everyone.
- 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.
- Since arterial and collector roads are the backbone of every transportation network, it is essential to provide adequate bicycle facilities along these roads.