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.

The 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

Feedback:

- Ensure that no funds from the Transportation Alternatives program are transferred for purposes other than bicycling and walking projects.
- 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 more state funding for bicycle projects and programs, especially those focused on safety and eliminating gaps and increasing access for bicycle networks.
- Add language to the driver’s license manual, classes, and tests that addresses the interaction between motor vehicles and bicycles.
- Adopt performance measures to decrease bicycle fatalities.
- Adopt a vulnerable road user law that increases penalties for a motorist that injures or kills a bicyclist or pedestrian.
- Adopt a statewide, all-ages cell phone ban to combat distracted driving and increase safety for everyone.
- 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 statewide policy that requires bicycle accommodations on all bridge and tunnel projects.
- 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.