**Minnesota**

**REGIONAL RANKING ➔ MIDWEST #1**

**GOVERNOR:** Mark Dayton  
**DOT COMMISSIONER:** Charles Zelle  
**BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR:** Tim Mitchell  
**STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:** Bicycle Alliance of MN

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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**

**RANKING # 4**

**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 vulnerable road user law that increases penalties for a motorist that injures or kills a bicyclist or pedestrian.
- Adopt a law prohibiting a motorist from opening an automobile’s door unless the motorist is able to do so safely.
- Adopt a statewide, all-ages cell phone ban to combat distracted driving and increase safety for everyone.
- Create a state bicycle riders manual to ensure cyclists have a pocket guide for rules of the road, relevant laws, state bike routes, and other necessary information.
- Hold a bicycle ride sponsored by the Governor and/or legislators to show their constituents that their elected officials support bicycling.
- Focus on fully implementing the state’s existing bicycle plan.
- Add bicycle safety as an emphasis area in the state Strategic Highway Safety Plan and aggressively fund bike safety 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.