



# Montana

# RANKING # 39

## REGIONAL RANKING » WEST #11

GOVERNOR: Steve Bullock

DOT COMMISSIONER: Jim Lynch

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Mark Keeffe

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Bike Walk Montana

## CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

**2** LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

**2** POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

**1** INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

**2** EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

**1** 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 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.
- Adopt a statewide, all-ages cell phone and texting ban to combat distracted driving and increase safety for everyone.
- Adopt a statewide Complete Streets policy. The National Complete Streets Coalition has a model state policy and a variety of other resources to ensure adoption and implementation.
- Adopt a statewide policy that requires bicycle accommodations on all bridge and tunnel 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 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 mode share goal for biking to encourage the integration of bicycle transportation needs into all transportation and land use policy and project decisions.