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 snap shot 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.

**Ohio**

**REGIONAL RANKING ➤ MIDWEST #7**

**GOVERNOR:** John Kasich  
**DOT COMMISSIONER:** Jerry Wray  
**BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR:** Unfilled  
**STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:** Ohio Bicycling Federation

**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 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.
- Develop a Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) curriculum for bicycling enforcement both for new officers and continuing education.
- Collect data regarding enforcement actions against motorists based on incidents with bicycles, such as traffic tickets issued, prosecutions, or convictions.
- 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.
- Add language to the driver’s license manual, classes, and tests that addresses the interaction between motor vehicles and bicycles.
- Adopt a statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five “Es”, has clear implementation actions, and performance measures to gauge success.
- 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. In particular, the assignment of appropriate trip growth by mode so that inclusion of bicycle facilities and offset of costs for vehicular facilities are reflected in the project planning.
- Ensure that bicycle safety is a major emphasis in all transportation projects, programs and policies to address this issue.
- Fill the vacant position of ODOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator as quickly as possible.