



Rhode Island

RANKING # 25

REGIONAL RANKING » EAST #9

GOVERNOR: Lincoln Chafee

DOT COMMISSIONER: Michael Lewis

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Steven Church

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Rhode Island Bicycle Coalition

CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

2 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

3 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

2 INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

2 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 a vulnerable road user law that increases penalties for a motorist that injures or kills a bicyclist or pedestrian.
- Update state traffic laws regarding bicyclists riding "as far right as practicable" to include the four exemptions listed in the Uniform Vehicle Code.
- 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.
- 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.
- Conduct a share the road campaign creatively addressing the issues specific to your state.
- Hold a state bicycle summit with opportunities for professional development, contact with elected officials, and networking.
- Dedicate additional resources towards fully implementing the state's existing bicycle plan.
- Adopt performance measures to decrease bicycle fatalities.