Rhode Island

REGIONAL RANKING » EAST #9

GOVERNOR: Lincoln Chafee
DOT COMMISSIONER: Michael Lewis
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Steven Church
STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Rhode Island Bicycle Coalition

CATEGORICAL SCORES

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SCORING:  5 = HIGH     1 = LOW

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

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.

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 Wynnans at (202)-822-1333 or nicole@bikeleague.org.