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

**South Dakota**

**RANKING # 46**

**REGIONAL RANKING ➞ MIDWEST #12**

**GOVERNOR:** Dennis Daugaard

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**BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR:** Jerry Ortbahn

**STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:** South Dakota Bicycle Coalition

**CATEGORY SCORES**

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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

**TOP TIP**

Spend all Transportation Alternatives Program dollars on biking and walking projects in your state (don’t transfer out).

**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.
- Adopt a state bicycle design manual that includes design drawings, guidance on when to use established and innovative design treatments, and public engagement.
- Ensure that no funds from the Transportation Alternatives program are transferred for purposes other than bicycling and walking 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.
- 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.