Texas

REGIONAL RANKING » SOUTH #3

GOVERNOR: Rick Perry
DOT COMMISSIONER: Phil Wilson
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Steve Wright
STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Bike Texas

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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

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 performance measures, such as mode shift or a low percentage of exempted projects, to better track and support Bike Accommodation Policy compliance.
- Since arterial and collector roads are the backbone of every transportation network, it is essential to provide adequate bicycle facilities along these roads.
- 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.
- 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.
- Ensure that bicycle safety is a major emphasis in all transportation projects, programs and policies to address this issue.