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.

**Vermont**

**REGIONAL RANKING » EAST #8**

GOVERNOR: Peter Shumlin

DOT COMMISSIONER: Brian Searles

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Jon Kaplan

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition

**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**

**RANKING # 23**

**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 law allowing transportation agencies to post 20 mph or lower speed limits under certain circumstances.
- Develop a Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) curriculum for bicycling enforcement both for new officers and continuing education – focus on laws related to bicyclists, interactions between motorists and bicyclists, and bicycle collision investigation.
- Integrate bicycle enforcement training into the police academy curriculum for new officers.
- Adopt a statewide, all-ages cell phone ban to combat distracted driving and increase safety for everyone.
- Collect data regarding enforcement actions against motorists based on incidents with bicycles, such as traffic tickets issued, prosecutions, or convictions.
- Adopt federal funding project rating criteria that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations.
- Create a system of state bike routes that are safe (e.g. wide shoulders, bike lanes, etc.), connect to destinations, and are suitable for all types of bicyclists.
- Dedicate state funding for bicycle projects and programs, especially those focused on safety and eliminating gaps and increasing access for bicycle networks.
- Hold a state bicycle summit with opportunities for professional development, contact with elected officials, and networking.
- 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.