



# Virginia

# RANKING # 16

## REGIONAL RANKING » SOUTH #1

GOVERNOR: Bob McDonnell

DOT COMMISSIONER: Gregory Whirley

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: John Bolecek

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Virginia Bicycle Federation, BikeWalk Virginia

## CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

**3** LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

**4** POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

**2** INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

**3** 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 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 law prohibiting a motorist from opening an automobile's door unless the motorist is able to do so safely.
- 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. The Virginia DMV should continue funding bicycling safety initiatives.
- Remove the disincentives that reduce funding for communities who provide bike lanes and center turn lanes through lane reductions.
- Hold a state bicycle summit with opportunities for professional development, contact with elected officials, and networking.
- Adopt performance measures to decrease bicycle fatalities.
- 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.