

# LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS



Bicycle Friendly State Application

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## Legislation

- \* 1. Is a bicycle considered a vehicle in your state?  
 **Yes**  
 **No**
- \* 1. a. Does a bicyclist have the same rights and responsibilities as an operator of a motor vehicle?  
 **Yes**  
 **No**
- \* 2. Is there legislation that requires a safe passing distance of at least three feet? *For more information, click [here](#).*  
 **Yes**  
 **No**
- \* 3. Can a bicyclist legally signal a right turn with his/her right hand?  
 **Yes**  
 **No**
- \* 4. Does your state code allow bicyclists to ride two abreast as recommended by the Uniform Vehicle Code? *For more information, click [here](#).*  
 **Yes**  
 **No**
- \* 5. Are the bicycle equipment related provisions of the state vehicle code consistent with the recommendations of Sections 12-701 through 709 of the [Uniform Vehicle Code](#)?  
 **Yes**  
 **No**
- \* 6. Can a bicyclist legally choose to ride on the road when there is shared use path or trail adjacent to the road, or is there a mandatory sidepath law? *For more information, click [here](#).*  
 **Can ride on road**  
 **Mandatory sidepath law**
- \* 7. When a bike lane is present, can a bicyclist legally choose to ride in the adjacent travel lane, or is there a mandatory bike lane use law that does not allow exceptions for cyclists to leave the lane?  
 **Can ride in lane**  
 **Mandatory bike lane use law**
- \* 8. Is there a law that requires a bicyclist to ride as far to the right as is practicable? *For more information, click [here](#).*

**Yes**

**No**

Does the law allow the following exceptions listed in the Uniform Vehicle Code?

\* 8. a. When overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction.

**Yes**

**No**

\* 8. b. When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.

**Yes**

**No**

\* 8. c. When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions including, but not limited to, fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or substandard width lanes that make it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or edge. For purposes of this section, a 'substandard width lane' is a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane.

**Yes**

**No**

\* 8. d. When riding in the right turn only lane?

**Yes**

**No**

\* 9. Does your state have language in its vehicle code prohibiting the opening of an automobile's door unless able to do so safely ?

**Yes**

**No**

\* 10. Does the state have a mandatory helmet law?

**Yes**

**No**

\* 10. a. To what ages is it applied?

\* 10. b. Can localities pass local mandatory helmet laws?

**Yes**

**No**

\* 11. Is photo enforcement of moving violations permitted in your state? *For more information, click [here](#).*

**Yes**

**No**

\* 11. a. Does the state have enabling legislation for local jurisdictions to use photo enforcement of moving violations?

**Yes**

**No**

\* 12. Does your state have a law that bans the use of cell phones, or that requires the use of a hands free device while operating a motor vehicle? *For more information, click [here](#).*

**Yes, under 18 only**

**Hands free device only**

**No restrictions**

\* 13. What is the legal status of cyclists using paved shoulders on state highways?

**Required to use the shoulder**

**Permitted to use the shoulder**

**Shoulder is not considered a travel lane for bicyclists**

[Policies and Programs](#)

\* 14. How many state government employees, expressed in FTEs, work on bicycle issues in your state as detailed in their work description?

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\* 15. Does the state have a Complete Streets or Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodation policy? For an example, [click here](#).

Complete Streets

Accommodation Policy

None

\* 15. a. When was the policy adopted?

\* 16. Does any state agency have a statewide plan, MOU/MOA regarding mountain bike trails, or partnership with a mountain bike trail advocacy organization? For more information, click [here](#).

Yes

No

\* 17. Does your state have a plan for reducing carbon emissions that includes bicycle use? For more information, click [here](#).

Yes

No

\* 17. a. If so, is a specific role for bicycling a part of that plan?

Yes

No

\* 18. Is there a policy that requires state office buildings, state park and recreation facilities, other state facilities to provide bicycle parking?

Yes

No

\* 19. Has your state provided any funding for the purchase and/or installation of bike parking racks at state buildings in the past 3 years?

Yes

No

## Infrastructure

\* 20. Does your state have a system in place to acquire data to determine what percentage of the state highway network has paved shoulders?

Yes

No

\* 20. a. What percentage have shoulders?

0

\* 21. Does your state have a rumble strip policy that includes a minimum clear space of 4 ft. for bicycles? For more information, click [here](#).

Yes

No

\* 22. Does your state use a bicycle level of service or similar model to assess bicycling conditions of on roads? For more information, click [here](#).

Yes

No

\* 23. What is estimated total number of miles of shared use paths in your state that meet the recommended design guidelines in the [AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities](#)?

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24. What is the state's current obligation rate for the following bicycle and trail related funding programs?

\* 24. a. Transportation enhancements For more information, click [here](#).

87.3

\* 24. b. Recreational trails For more information, click [here](#).

87.3

\* 24. c. Safe Routes to School For more information, click [here](#).

87.3

25. What percentage of the following federal funding programs is typically spent on bicycling projects?

\* 25. a. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) For more information, click [here](#).

0

\* 25. b. Surface Transportation, not including Transportation Enhancements

0

\* 25. c. Transportation enhancements For more information, click [here](#).

0

\* 25. d. HSIP For more information, click [here](#).

0

\* 25. e. SP&R For more information, click [here](#).

0

26. As a result of The Unemployment Compensation Extension Act (H.R. 4213) in August 2010, [what percentage](#) of overall rescissions came from:

\* 26. a. [Transportation enhancements](#)

- 0%
- less than 5%
- 5%-10%
- 11%-25%
- greater than 25%

\* 26. b. [Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality \(CMAQ\)](#)

- 0%
- less than 5%
- 5%-10%
- 11%-25%
- greater than 25%

\* 26. c. [Recreational trails](#)

- No rescission
- Recinded any RTP funding

\* 27. What percentage of obligated American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus funds dedicated to Transportation Enhancements was spent on bicycling projects? For more information, click [here](#).

- less than 50%
- 51-75%
- 76% or more

\* 28. Does the state have any dedicated funding sources, in addition to federal programs for bicycle, or bicycle and pedestrian projects?

- Yes
- No

\* 28 a. How much funding is available?

\* 28. b. What is the source of this funding?

\* 29. Has any safety funding been spent on bicycle projects in the past three years?

- Yes
- No

\* 29. a. How much?

\* 29. b. What is the source of this safety funding?

\* 30. Has the state identified a network or system of state bicycle routes? *For more information, click [here](#) and [here](#).*

- Yes
- No

\* 30. a. Is there a publicly available map of the system network?

- Yes
- No

\* 30. b. Are the routes signed and/or marked on the ground?

- Yes
- No

\* 31. Has your state identified or reviewed corridors for the US Bike Route System (USBRS)?

- Yes

No

\* 31. a. Has your state adopted a USBR policy, criteria, or program?

Yes

No

\* 31. b. Are routes for the USBRS recognized in state or local bike plan(s)?

Yes

No

\* 31. c. Has one or more USBR(s) in your state received official AASHTO designation?

Yes

No

\* 31. d. Does your state have signed USBRs?

Yes

No

### [Education and Encouragement](#)

\* 32. Have any League Cycling Instructors [taught Smart Cycling](#) in your state in the past 12 months?

Yes

No

\* 33. Does the state sponsor any bicycle education programs, either directly or by providing funding to local jurisdictions or other entities?

Yes

No

\* 34. Does the state sponsor a [Share the Road](#) or similar public safety campaign?

Yes

No

\* 35. Does the state have any policies or programs involving bicycling and increasing physical activity?

Yes

No

\* 36. Does your state make available a standard Safe Route to School curriculum to all schools?

Yes

No

\* 36. a. If yes, does your state provide training for all instructors (educators; advocates police; fire; etc.) delivering this curriculum? For more [info](#). For an example click [here](#).

Yes

No

\* 37. In the state driver's manual is there information on the rights and responsibilities of bicyclists?

Yes

No

\* 37. a. Is there language regarding motorists' rights and responsibilities towards bicyclists?

Yes

No

\* 38. Are there questions regarding the rights and responsibilities of bicyclists in the state driver's license test?

Yes

No

\* 38. a. Are there questions regarding the motorists' rights and responsibilities towards bicyclists on the test?

Yes

No

\* 39. In the state driver's CDL testing and manual are questions and information regarding motorists' rights and responsibilities towards bicyclists included?

Yes

No

\* 40. Does your state publish a [bicycle driver's manual](#)?

Yes

No

\* 41. Is there a [statewide bicycle map](#) that is available to the public?

Yes

No

\* 41. a. Does the map include suitability ratings, or information on conditions that impact bicycling like traffic volume and shoulder widths?

Yes

No

\* 42. Is there an active statewide advocacy group? For more information click [here](#).

Yes

No

\* 42. a. Is it run by:

Paid Staff

Volunteers

\* 43. What percentage of communities with 50,000 plus people has a local advocacy group? For more information click [here](#).

**87.50**

\* 44. Does your state tourism board actively promote bicycle tourism? For an example, [click here](#).

Yes

No

## [Evaluation and Planning](#)

\* 45. According to the [most recent ACS data](#), what percentage of people ride bicycles in your state?

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\* 46. Does the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) include information about bicycle ownership or use rates? [Click here](#) for an example.

Yes

No

\* 47. Does the state have a current statewide bike plan? For more information, click [here](#).

Yes

No

\* 47. a. When was it passed?

**1998**

\* 47. b. How much of this plan has been implemented?

None

Some

Most

All

\* 48. Does the statewide bicycle plan include performance measures and/or a project list to help measure progress toward implementation of the plan?

Yes

No

\* 49. Is bicycle safety addressed in the state [Highway Safety Plan](#)?

Yes

No

\* 50. Is there a state bicycle advisory council that meets regularly? For an example of a state bicycle advisory council, [click here](#).

Yes

No

\* 50. a. How often does it meet?

Annually

Quarterly

Monthly

\* 51. What is the average number of motor vehicle/ bicycle crashes that have been recorded in each of the last five years?

181.4

\* 51. a. What is the average crash rate per one million population over the last five years?

2.04

\* 52. What is the annual average number of vehicle/bicycle fatalities over the last five years?

4.2

\* 52. a. What is the average fatality rate per one million population over the last five years?

1.79

\* 53. Is there currently a regularly scheduled statewide bicycle conference? For an example, [click here](#).

Yes

No

### Enforcement

\* 54. Does the state have bicycling enforcement as a part of the overall Police Officer Standards and Training (POST)?

Yes

No

\* 55. Is bicycling enforcement a police academy requirement?

Yes

No

\* 56. Have any International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA) instructors taught courses in your state in the last 12 months? *For more information click [here](#).*

Yes

No

\* 57. Is bicycling enforcement a part of continuing officer training, particularly for traffic officers? *For more information, click [here](#).*

Yes

No

\* 58. Is information about bicyclists' rights and responsibilities made available to traffic court judges?

Yes

No

### Award Recognition

\* Do you wish to apply for a Bicycle Friendly State Award? Please note that this is an optional field of questions to qualify your state to be considered for a BFS award.

Yes

No

### **Legislation**

1. Does your state have a trip reduction ordinance (to reduce single occupant vehicle travel)?

Yes

No

1. a. Please describe the ordinance  
2. Is there a Bike Caucus in your state legislature?

Yes

No

3. Does your state have a law that increases penalties for motorists who injure or kill vulnerable road users, including cyclists?

Yes

No

3. a. Please describe the law  
4. If your state has a mandatory sidepath law, is it actively enforced in communities?

Not Applicable

Yes

No

5. If your state has a mandatory bike lane law, is it actively enforced in communities?

Not Applicable

Yes

No

#### Policies and Programs

6. Is there training available to engineers and planners to properly implement the Complete Streets policy?

Yes

No

6. a. Please describe the training

7. Does your state have a Complete Streets checklist for state projects to ensure compliance/implementation?

Not Applicable

Yes

No

7. a. Please describe the checklist

8. Does your state have a bicycle facility design manual?

Yes

No

8. a. Is it a stand alone manual or is it integrated into other design manuals?

Stand Alone

Integrated

8. b. Is there systemic training available to use the manual?

Yes

No

8. c. Please describe the training

9. Does your state have a Traffic Control Devices manual?

Yes

No

9. a. Please describe the Traffic Control Devices manual

10. What is the state's policy for the maintenance of bicycle facilities?

11. How many miles of non-motorized natural surface trails in state parks/lands are there within the state?

11. a. How many miles of these trails are open to off-road cyclists?

12. Is there a policy that permits bicyclists access to interstate highways within your state?

Yes

No

12. a. If not, is there a policy requiring a comparably convenient and/or signed or mapped alternative route?

Yes

**No**

12. b. Please describe the alternative route.

13. Does your state have a land-use policy promoting smart growth, and does it include bicycling?

**Yes**

**No**

13. a. Please describe the land-use policy.

14. What specific policies does the state have to ensure bicycle accommodation on state highways?

15. Does your state coordinate with neighboring states, provinces or countries regarding bicycle issues?

**Yes**

**No**

15. a. Please describe how your state coordinates with neighboring states, provinces or countries.

### Infrastructure

16. On average over the past five years, how much state safety funding was spent in proportion to bike crashes in the state?

17. Does the state have a policy to provide access across major bridges (e.g. crossing rivers, tolled facilities) and tunnels?

**Yes**

**No**

17. a. Please describe the policy.

18. What is the percentage of state and local transit systems with bike racks on all buses?

19. Is there access for bicycles on Amtrak trains or other regional passenger rail where they are present?

**Yes**

**No**

19. a. Please describe.

20. How many state facilities provide bicycle parking?

**None**

**Few**

**Some**

**Most**

**All**

### Education and Enforcement

21. How much safety funding per capita is received from NHTSA?

22. What percent of schools (elementary and secondary) in the state offer in school bicycling education?

23. Does the state offer driver training for state employees that includes information on sharing the road with bicyclists?

**Yes**

**No**

23. a. If so, please describe.

24. Please describe training for police that includes information that includes information on bicycling and state vehicle code as it relates to bicyclists.

25. Does your state have law enforcement and/or security personnel on bikes?

**Yes**

**No**

25. a. Please describe.

26. Does your state offer a diversion program for traffic offenders that includes information on sharing the road with bicyclists?

**Yes**

**No**

26. a. Please describe the diversion program.

27. Please describe the statewide Share the Road Campaign and/or public service announcement campaign?

**Not Applicable**

**Yes**

27. a. Please describe the campaign.

### Encouragement

28. Does your state have a cross-state ride or other signature statewide bicycling events?

**Yes**

**No**

28. a. Please describe.

29. Is there an individualized marketing program for state employees (eg. Smart trips/ Travelsmart)?

**Yes**

**No**

29. a. Please describe.

30. Is there a bike pool for state employees?

**Yes**

**No**

31. Does the state measure the number of state employees riding to work by bike?

**Yes**

**No**

31. a. Is so, what is the percentage?

32. How many recreational bicycle clubs are there in the state per capita?

33. Please list all major cycling events in the state?

33. a. Of these events, which ones do state DOT, tourism board or other state agency sponsor, and in what way?

34. Please describe the ways that National Bike Month is celebrated in the state

35. Does the state have an official Bike Month and annual proclamation?

**Yes**

**No**

35. a. Please describe.

36. Does the state promote Bike Month, Bike to Work Week and/or Bike to Work Day to state employees?

**Yes**

**No**

36. a. Please describe.

37. Is there a statewide Walk/Bike to School event?

**Yes**

**No**

37. a. Please describe.

38. Does the state publish a calendar of events that includes bicycling events?

**Yes**

**No**

39. Is there a governor's ride, or other event were the governor and/or state legislators participate in an annual bicycling event?

**Yes**

**No**

39. a. Please describe.

40. Please describe state in tourism promotion efforts to promote bicycling in the state.

41. Does the state university system promote bicycling as a viable or preferred means of transport?

**Yes**

**No**

41. a. Please describe.

42. Does your state have a bicycling-specific website?

**Yes**

**No**

42. a. Please describe.

43. Is there a website available for online route planning within the state?

**Yes**

**No**

43. a. Please describe.

44. Please list any other ways the state promotes bicycling.

#### **Evaluation and Planning**

45. What is the percentage of state population live in a designated Bicycle Friendly Communities?

46. How many of the DOT staff represented in FTE's are dedicated to bicycling in the following areas:

- 46. a. DOT (HQ)
- 46. b. DOT (districts)
- 46. c. Other agencies

**Yes**

**No**

46. d. Please list.

47. Does the state have its own bike plan?

**Yes**

**No**

47. a. Please provide link.

48. What is the percentage of cities with current bike plans passed in the last five years?

49. What is the percentage of MPOs with current bike plans?

50. Is there interagency participation in the state Bicycle Advisory Committee?

**Yes**

**No**

50. a. Please describe.

51. Is there bicycle user group representation in the state Bicycle Advisory Committee?

**Yes**

**No**

51 a. Please describe.

52. Does the state have target for bicycle ridership?

**Yes**

**No**

52. a. Please describe.

53. Does the state have target for SOV trips?

**Yes**

**No**

53. a. Please describe.

54. Does the state have target VMT levels?

**Yes**

**No**

54. a. Please describe.

55. Has the state performed an economic impact study that includes bicycling?

**Yes**

**No**

55. a. Please describe.

**General**

56. Please describe your state's most significant accomplishment for bicycling in the last year.

57. Please give the three reasons your state should receive the Bicycle Friendly State award.

58. Please give three aspects of the state that must be improved in order to make the state more bicycle friendly.