



Idaho

RANKING # 21

REGIONAL RANKING » WEST #7

GOVERNOR: Butch Otter

DOT COMMISSIONER: Brian Ness

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Brian Shea

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Idaho Walk Bike Alliance

CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

3 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

2 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

2 INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

4 EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

2 EVALUATION AND PLANNING

TOP 10 SIGNS OF SUCCESS

= NEW IN 2015

1% OR MORE OF PEOPLE COMMUTING BY BIKE

SAFE PASSING LAW (3 FEET OR GREATER)

COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

DEDICATED STATE FUNDING

ACTIVE STATE ADVOCACY GROUP

STATE BICYCLE PLAN (ADOPTED 2005 OR LATER)

SHARE THE ROAD CAMPAIGN

VULNERABLE ROAD USER LAW

BICYCLE SAFETY EMPHASIS IN STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN

2% OR MORE FEDERAL FUNDS SPENT ON BIKE/PED

OVERALL POINTS

42 of 100

2014: 41 of 100

FEEDBACK

- The Idaho State Department of Health & Welfare has published a performance measure to increase physical activity. The Idaho DOT should adopt a supportive performance measure and coordinate activities with the State Department of Health & Welfare to ensure success.
- Adopt a statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five “Es”, has clear implementation actions, and performance measures, especially safety-related measures, to gauge success.
- Adopt a statewide Complete Streets policy. The National Complete Streets Coalition has a model state policy and a variety of other resources to ensure adoption and implementation.
- Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety.
- The state could spend more federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians. Adopt project prioritization criteria for federal funds 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 mode share goal for biking to encourage the integration of bicycle transportation needs into all transportation and land use policy and project decisions.
- Hold a state bicycle summit with opportunities for professional development, contact with elected officials, and networking.
- Ensure that no funds from the Transportation Alternatives program are transferred for purposes other than bicycling and walking projects.

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 snap shot 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 Ken McLeod at (202)-822-1333 or ken@bikeleague.org.