



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



14% PERCENT OF STATE IN BFC SILVER+

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:

WASHINGTON BIKES AND CASCADE BICYCLE CLUB

WASHINGTON

#3 NATIONAL RANK (OF 50)

#2 REGIONAL RANK (OF 13)

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	Infrastructure & Funding						Considers the use of federal transportation funding, state transportation funding, and the existence of bicycle infrastructure in the state.
	Education & Encouragement						Considers bicycle mode share, advocacy, state goals to increase bicycling, and whether the state sponsors a conference on bicycling.
	Traffic Laws & Practices						Considers traffic laws related to bicyclist safety and practices for automated enforcement and preventing racial disparities in traffic law enforcement.
	Policies & Programs						Considers Complete Streets policies and programmatic support for implementing bicycling improvements, including staffing and integrating public health.
	Evaluation & Planning						Considers state bicycle plans, safety outcomes, guidance on bicycle facilities, data collection on bicycling and walking, and public engagement of bicyclists.

Based on the information we obtained for Washington, the League of American Bicyclists believes the following actions will improve the safety, comfort, and accessibility of bicycling in Washington.

The data for this report card were collected in the summer of 2021 and does not reflect the Move Ahead Washington transportation legislation. As that legislation is implemented we hope to see more and safer biking throughout the state.

In 2019, 21.4% of traffic deaths in Washington were people outside of vehicles. Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, any state where people outside vehicles make up 15% or more of traffic deaths is required to spend 15% or more of Highway Safety Improvement Program funds on projects to improve nonmotorized user safety. Washington should prepare to implement this requirement and use the required Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment to engage its district offices, localities, and other partners.

As in the United States as a nation, transportation is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Washington. Washington state law, passed in 2020, requires the state to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 45% from 1990 levels by 2030. The Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act further directed WSDOT to incorporate environmental justice in its work and invest in affected communities. We congratulate Washington for taking these steps to reduce emissions and pursue environmental justice.

Washington State DOT's Active Transportation Plan included an ambitious and comprehensive evaluation of state route needs for safe bicyclist and pedestrian use. The overall needs identified were immense, with over \$5 billion in identified needs. We hope more states follow this lead so that we know the scope of needs nationally.

The Washington state DOT was one of only a few state DOT's to establish a statewide program during the pandemic to reallocate space for people to safely recreate outside through its Safe, Healthy, Active Streets program. It is great that this program continues and hopefully the practice of tactical urbanism found in this program serves as a platform for quickly addressing safety and other needs moving forward.

Bicycle Friendly Actions	Progress?
Complete Streets Law / Policy	Yes
Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	Yes
Statewide bike plan last 10 years	Yes
2% or more federal funds on bike/ped	Yes
Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area	Yes

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.83% of commuters biking to work	9/50
Safety 4 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	11/50
Spending \$2.29 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	35/50

SEE THE BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE DATABASE MAP:
[BIKELEAGUE.ORG/BFA/AWARDS](https://bikeleague.org/BFA/AWARDS)

The Bicycle Friendly State ranking is based on a comprehensive survey—with over 100 data points—completed by state departments of transportation and state bicycling advocates. For more information, visit bikeleague.org/states or contact Ken McLeod at (202) 822-1333 or ken@bikeleague.org.