



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):  
Cascade Bicycle Club,  
Washington Bikes

2024

## WASHINGTON

#1 NATIONAL RANK (OF 50)  
COMPARED TO LAST REPORT CARD: **1**

#1 Western REGIONAL RANK (OF 13)

Bicycle Friendly Actions	Action Taken	Progress <small>SINCE LAST REPORT CARD</small>
<b>Complete Streets Law/Policy</b>	Yes	↔
<b>Safe Passing Law (3ft+)</b>	Yes	↔
<b>Statewide bike plan last 10 years</b>	Yes	↔
<b>2%+ federal funds on bike/pedestrian</b>	Yes	↔
<b>Speed limit laws for #SlowRoads</b>	Yes	↔

### FEEDBACK

In 2022, Washington made one of the nation's largest ever investments in in-school, on-bicycle education. The League proudly featured those efforts in a webinar earlier this year so that other states can model this new program which, by 2037, will teach bike education skills to 90% of public school youth, and provide a bike, helmet and lock to program participants that need them.

WSDOT is a leader in slow roads that save lives. Its injury minimization work for speed management is informing its Design and Traffic Manuals and its state laws clearly provide authority for reducing speed limits in population centers. Furthermore, the WSDOT Complete Streets policy means that highway maintenance projects also include upgrades so that state routes serve all users.

New legislative investment has enabled WSDOT to provide grantmaking and technical capacity-building assistance for local agencies and tribes, thus increasing competitiveness of smaller and less-resourced jurisdictions. Ongoing funding for this initiative is critical to providing connected and safe bicycle networks throughout the state.

More state and federal funding is available than ever to build better bike infrastructure, but red tape delays critical projects from being built quickly. Legislative action is needed to streamline project review, environmental analysis, and other administrative steps so that the state and local agencies can build bike projects faster and complete gaps in the network making active transportation networks intuitive and comfortable for users of all types.

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](https://bikeleague.org/states) or contact Ken McLeod at [ken@bikeleague.org](mailto:ken@bikeleague.org). See the [Report Card Use Guide](#).

**ONE SUCCESS** In 2022 the WA state legislature passed the Move Ahead Washington funding package, which will invest \$1.3 billion in active transportation over 16 years, and a four-fold increase from prior funding levels, including many new programs like statewide bicycle education.

**TOP TIP** Washington State, like the US as a whole, is experiencing a traffic safety crisis, with people walking and biking impacted at higher rates than other road users. Recent legislative initiatives, including reducing the legal blood alcohol content level for drivers, banning turning right on red lights, and increasing fees for heavier vehicles, can address this crisis. Robust action is needed.

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership <b>0.7% of commuters</b> biking to work	10/50
Safety <b>4.9 fatalities</b> per 10K bike commuters	8/50
Spending <b>\$3.03 per capita FHWA</b> spending on biking and walking	29/50

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	65%	4/50
Infrastructure	100%	1/50
Laws	86%	1/50
Policies	100%	1/50
Capacity & Support	90%	8/50
Safety	71%	7/50
Every Ride Counts	63%	3/50