



# Arkansas

# RANKING # 37

## REGIONAL RANKING >> SOUTH #10

GOVERNOR: Mike Beebe

DOT COMMISSIONER: Scott Bennett

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Kim Sanders

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Bike Coalition of Arkansas/Bike Walk Arkansas

## CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

**3** LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

**2** POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

**1** INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

**2** EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

**1** 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 statewide, all-ages cell phone ban to combat distracted driving and increase safety for everyone.
- Provide specific training to engineers and planners on how to implement the Complete Streets/Accommodation Policy in everyday decisions.
- Adopt performance measures, such as mode shift or a low percentage of exempted projects, to better track and support Complete Streets/Bike Accommodation Policy compliance.
- 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.
- Conduct a share the road campaign creatively addressing the issues specific to your state.
- Hold a state bicycle summit with opportunities for professional development, contact with elected officials, and networking.
- Update your state bicycle master plan. The plan update should evaluate and build on the previous bicycle master plan, and reflect changes in bicycle user needs.
- The statewide bicycle advisory committee should meet more frequently (at least quarterly) in order to increase its impact.
- 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.

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](http://www.bikeleague.org/states) or contact Nicole Wynands at (202)-822-1333 or [nicole@bikeleague.org](mailto:nicole@bikeleague.org).