

# South Dakota

### REGIONAL RANKING » MIDWEST #12

**GOVERNOR:** Dennis Daugaard

DOT COMMISSIONER: Darin Bergquist

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STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: South Dakota Bicycle Coalition

CAT	EGORY SCORES	SCORING:	5 = HIGH	1 = LOW
2	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			
8	DEDICATED STATE FUNDING			
50	ACTIVE STATE ADVOCACY GROUP			
	STATE BICYCLE PLAN (ADOPTED 2003 OR LATER)			
	SHARE THE ROAD CAMPAIGN			
	<b>BICYCLE EDUCATION FOR POLICE</b>			
50	BICYCLE SAFETY EMPHASIS IN STRATEGIC HIGH	NAY SAFET	Y PLAN	
	TOP 10 STATE FOR CONGESTION MITIGATION AND	AIR QUAL	ITY SPENDIN	6

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### TOP TIP

Spend all Transportation Alternatives Program dollars on biking and walking projects in your state (don't transfer out).

#### **FEEDBACK**

- Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety.
- Adopt a vulnerable road user law that increases penalties for a motorist that injures or kills a bicyclist or pedestrian.
- Adopt a statewide, all-ages cell phone and texting ban to combat distracted driving and increase safety for everyone.
- Adopt a statewide Complete Streets policy.
- Adopt a state bicycle design manual that includes design drawings, guidance on when to use established and innovative design treatments, and public engagement.
- Ensure that no funds from the Transportation Alternatives program are transferred for purposes other than bicycling and walking projects.
- 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.
- Add language to the driver's license manual, classes, and tests that addresses the interaction between motor vehicles and bicycles.
- Adopt a statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five "Es", has clear implementation actions, and performance measures to gauge success.
- 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 or contact Nicole Wynands at (202)-822-1333 or nicole@bikeleague.org.

