Alaska BFS Report Card

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Feedback

- Establish a bicycle advisory committee including representatives from health, economic development, and community groups.

- Adopt statewide bicycle connections between communities. The National Complete Streets Coalition has a model state policy and a variety of other resources to ensure adoption and implementation.

- Dedicate state funding for bicycle projects and programs, especially those focused on safety and eliminating gaps and increasing access for bicycle networks. This is more than just a Share the Road campaign.

- Support growing local advocacy groups.

- Update the statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five “Es”, has clear implementation actions, and performance metrics to gauge success.

- In general, any question that was answered with “no” should be addressed so the answer can be a “yes” next year.

One Bicycle Friendly Success

Alaska’s bicycle commuter mode share is almost double the national average.

Top Tip for Improvement

Adopt a vulnerable road user law that includes a minimum safe passing distance and stricter consequences for violations.

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 2002 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

The Bicycle Friendly States ranking is based on a comprehensive survey completed by state departments of transportation and state bicycling advocates. It asks 50 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 Matt Wempe at (202) 822-1333 or matt@bikeleague.org.