



# Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure

Illinois completed its first statewide bicycle plan in 2012. This plan provides the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) with a foundation for bicycle and pedestrian planning in Illinois. In 2015, the League of American Bicyclists ranked Illinois the 14th bicycle friendly state and the third friendliest state in the Midwest, followed by Minnesota and Wisconsin. However, there is still more to be done to improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure along state routes. Building the 2012 plan, IDOT hopes to further incorporate bicycle and pedestrian planning into the 2017 long range transportation plan.

## Did you know...

- More than 4,000 residents participated in the 2012 Illinois State Bicycle Plan
- 28,367 Illinois bicycle maps distributed statewide in 2015
- Illinois has three Bicycle Friendly Universities
  - Illinois Wesleyan University
  - University of Illinois at Chicago
  - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 12.5 percent of traffic fatalities in 2013 were pedestrians
- 3 percent of traffic fatalities in 2013 were bicyclists
- In 2014, the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program awarded \$52.8M for 71 projects across the state
- 58 projects and \$7.9 million was awarded for Safe Routes to School projects in 2014
- More than \$32 million was awarded for bicycle facility projects in northeastern Illinois through the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality improvement program and Transportation Alternatives Program
- IDOT's Complete Streets policy increased state funding for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant facilities to 80 percent IDOT and 20 percent local match (local jurisdictions maintain and own the facility once it is constructed)
- In northeastern Illinois, an estimated 41.5 percent of crosswalks along state routes are in compliance with the ADA



### Clybourn Avenue Protected Bike Lanes

In 2015, IDOT constructed its first on-street, curb-separated bike lanes on Clybourn Avenue (a state route) in partnership with the City of Chicago. This new facility was ranked by People for Bikes as the #5 Best New Bike lane of 2015.