# Making Strides: A Look at Our 2016 State Report Cards

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REPORT CARDS

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We are a nonprofit organization that improves the quality of life for kids and communities by promoting active, healthy lifestyles and safe infrastructure that supports bicycling and walking.

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## **Today's Speakers**



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**Report Overview** 



## KEY CONTENTS OF MAKING STRIDES

Overall goal: Provide a snapshot of how supportive each state is of walking, bicycling, and physical activity for children and adults.

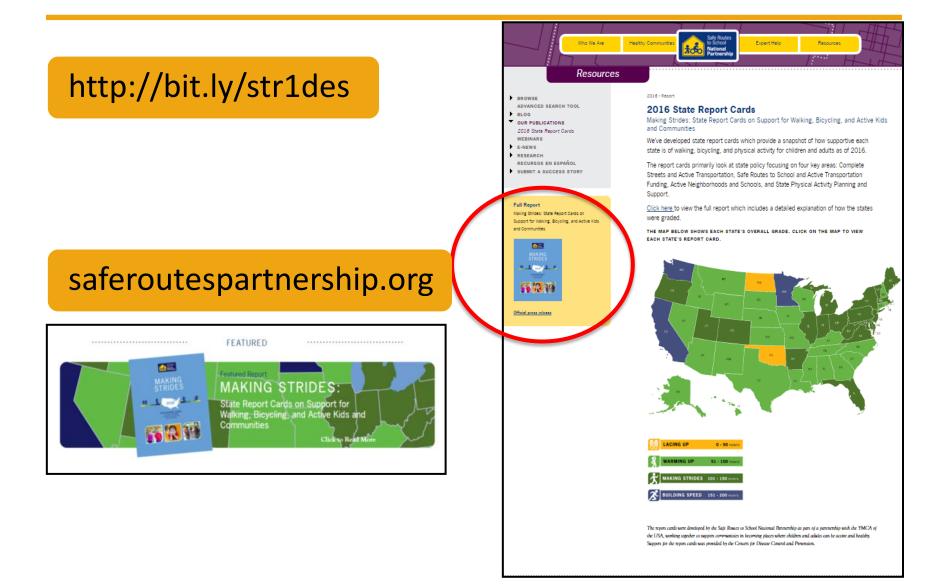
**Report includes:** 

- Research on why physical activity, walking and bicycling matter
- Rationale for state report cards
- Detailed explanation of the scoring, indicators and core topic areas
- The report cards themselves





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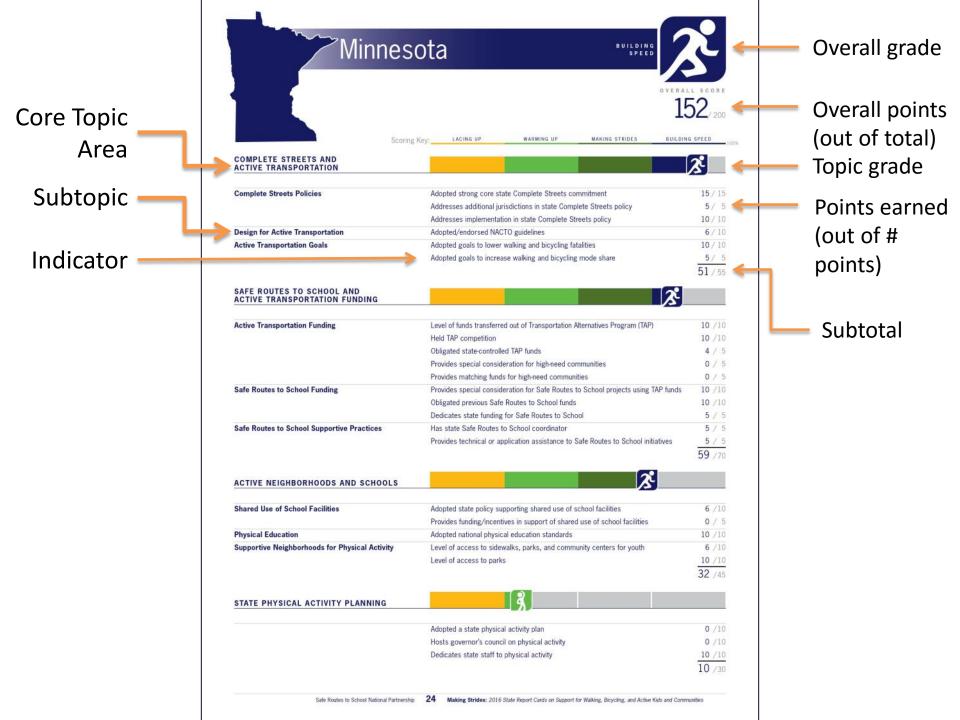


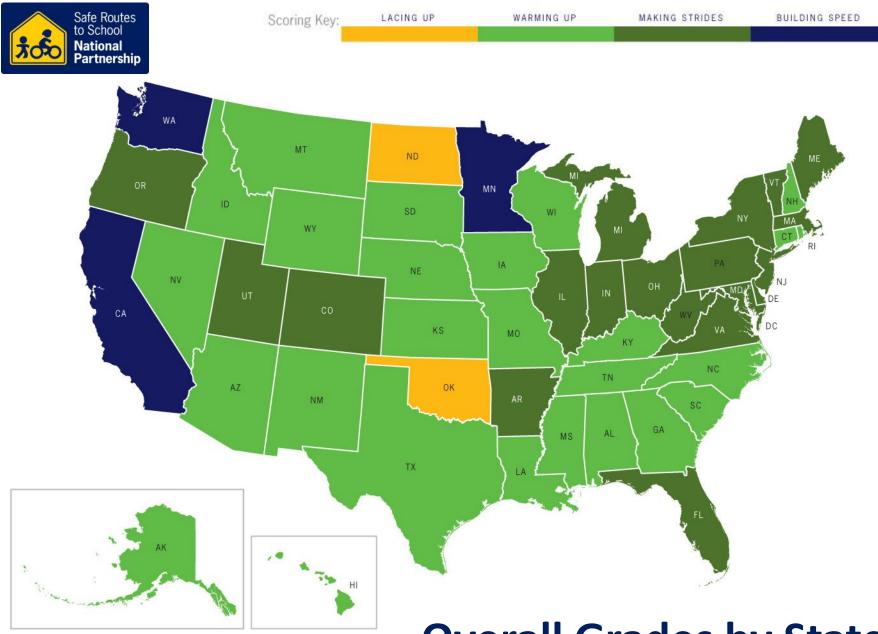


## SCORING FOR THE REPORT CARDS

- 24 indicators across 4 core topic areas; each individually scored
- 200 points possible
- Numerical score and "grade" in each topic area + overall score and grade
- 4 grading categories that recognize state's accomplishments as well as room for improvement







## **Overall Grades by State**

### Core Topic Area 1: Complete Streets and Active Transportation

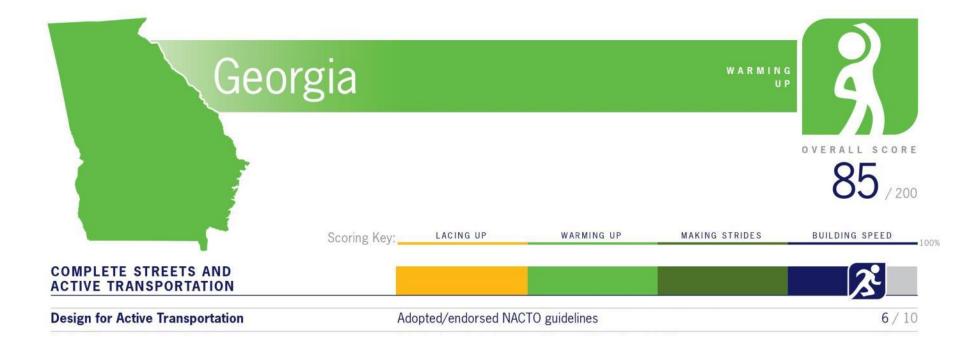
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			overall score 85 / 200
COMPLETE STREETS AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION	Scoring Key: LACING UP WARMING	UP MAKING STRIDES	BUILDING SPEED
Complete Streets Policies	Adopted strong core state Complete Str	reets commitment	15/15
	Addresses additional jurisdictions in stat	te Complete Streets policy	5/5
	Addresses implementation in state Com	plete Streets policy	10/10
Design for Active Transportation	Adopted/endorsed NACTO guidelines		6/10
Active Transportation Goals	Adopted goals to lower walking and bicy	ycling fatalities	10/10
	Adopted goals to increase walking and I	bicycling mode share	5/5
			<b>51</b> / 55

Georgia	W A R M I N G U P	
		OVERALL SCORE <b>85</b> / 200 BUILDING SPEED
COMPLETE STREETS AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION		
Complete Streets Policies	Adopted strong core state Complete Streets commitment	<b>15</b> / 15
	Addresses additional jurisdictions in state Complete Streets policy	5/5
	Addresses implementation in state Complete Streets policy	10/10

What's a complete streets policy? A policy that ensures that all new construction and renovation of streets creates streets that are safe, comfortable, and convenient for everyone using them

**Who?** People walking and biking, cars, public transportation riders, people with disabilities, and people of all ages.





Adopted or endorsed NACTO guidelines: States can endorse/adopt the Urban Bikeway Design Guide and/or the Urban Street Design Guide. National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) is a non-profit association that represents large cities on transportation issues of local, regional and national significance.

nacto.org

### **The NACTO Guides**

- Outline recommendations for building bicycleand pedestrian-friendly facilities such as bicycle lanes, signage, and park elements
- The Urban Street Design Guide "emphasizes the core principles for making urban streets great public places with an instrumental role in building communities"
- The Urban Bikeway Design Guide "incorporates time-tested principles of bicycle facility design, offering a model for safe and comfortable bicycling that is not described in existing national guides."



### **The NACTO Guides**

- Federal Highway Administration announced support for the use of the NACTO guides in 2013
- Urban Street Design Guide is officially recognized as design guidance for federally-funded projects as part of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)



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- Published goals to increase bicycling and walking and to decrease fatalities are public commitments to progress
- Provide accountability
- Can found within a highway safety plan, bicycle/pedestrian plan, sustainability plan, or other statewide plans



Goal ► Triple mode share of bicycling, transit, + wal

MassDOT's statewide mode shift goal is to triple the current mode share of bicycling, public transit, + walking, each by 2030. This goal is built around the idea of providing more access to these modes for our customers, having these modes absorb as much future travel demand as possible and thus leveling off growth of automobile usage. MassDOT is looking to anticipate major demographic changes

#### **Core Topic Area 2:** Safe Routes to School and Active Transportation Funding

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#### SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Active Transportation Funding	Level of funds transferred out of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)	10 /10
	Held TAP competition	10 /10
	Obligated state-controlled TAP funds	1 / 5
	Provides special consideration for high-need communities	0 / 5
	Provides matching funds for high-need communities	0 / 5
Safe Routes to School Funding	Provides special consideration for Safe Routes to School projects using TAP funds	0 /10
	Obligated previous Safe Routes to School funds	10 /10
	Dedicates state funding for Safe Routes to School	0 / 5
Safe Routes to School Supportive Practices	Has state Safe Routes to School coordinator	4 / 5
	Provides technical or application assistance to Safe Routes to School initiatives	0/5

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- Focus is on the Transportation Alternatives Program (~\$3-80M/state/year)
- TAP is the major federal source of transportation funding for biking, walking, Safe Routes to School
- Accessibility of TAP funding depends on implementation decisions made by each state's DOT

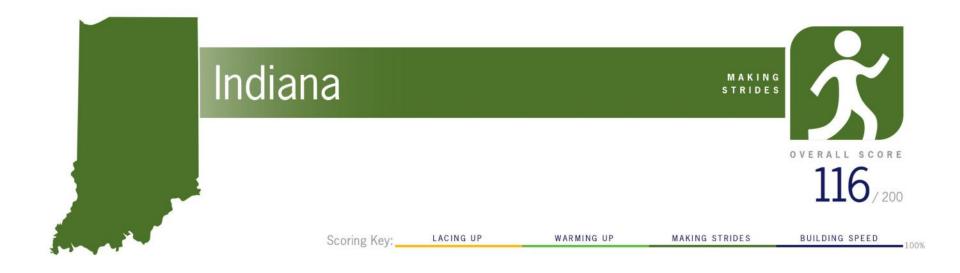
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- Focus is on the availability of funding specifically for Safe Routes to School efforts, through 3 possible avenues:
  - Ensuring TAP funds go to Safe Routes to School projects
  - The state's usage of the legacy Safe Routes to School funding
  - Whether the state has its own funding source for Safe Routes to School projects

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- Examining non-financial support for Safe Routes to School
- DOTs that provide dedicated staff and technical assistance can help Safe Routes to School projects flourish

### Core Topic Area 3: Active Schools and Neighborhoods



ACTIVE NEIGHBORHOODS AND SCHOOLS	<u> </u>	
Shared Use of School Facilities	Adopted state policy supporting shared use of school facilities	6 /10
	Provides funding/incentives in support of shared use of school facilities	0/5
Physical Education	Adopted national physical education standards	10 /10
Supportive Neighborhoods for Physical Activity	Level of access to sidewalks, parks, and community centers for youth	2 /10
	Level of access to parks	2 /10
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Inc	liana			M A K I N S T R I D E	
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- School shared-use agreements open up school playgrounds, fields, and facilities for recreational use by community members outside of school hours
- Supportive state policies & funding are two of the key ways to overcome fears and challenges with shared use



- As of 2012, all but 1 state had adopted national or state physical education standards
- 43 had adopted standards that were based on the NASPE National Standards for Physical Education



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Supportive Neighborhoods for Physical Activity		Level of acces	ss to sidewalks, parks, and	community centers for youth	2 /10
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- Measures assess conditions on the ground
- Data from the National Survey of Children's Health and the CDC's National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network

### Core Topic Area 4: Physical Activity Planning and Support



While many states may have obesity prevention or health councils and plans, physical activity is often underrepresented. These indicators focus on specific physical activity plans, councils or staff.







- Developing tools to assist advocates in using the report cards
- Using the report cards as a benchmark future report cards (every 2 to 3 years) will measure progress

### Q&A



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