

I hope that you or someone can address the absence of any mention of bicycles in the report, other than a perfunctory reference on the bottom of page 80.

The simple act of adding a bike lane every time a state road is paved would eventually lead to a much more bike friendly NH. We are woefully behind virtually every European country, where bicycling is an accepted and often utilized form of transportation. In most cases, the minimum accommodation is a painted designated bicycle lane, and more often than not, the lane is separated from traffic by physical barriers, or exists as a separate entity altogether. A more robust biking culture, with the accompanying health and fitness benefits, and reduction of automobile traffic will not develop without the appropriate infrastructure. Most highways are just too dangerous for biking.

Please include this in the NH State Energy Strategy Draft.

Thank you.
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