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Eugene (#18), and Salem (#47) — and they're not the only ones embracing two-wheel travel.

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Despite the drizzle, Oregon is a bike-friendly state. Three Oregon cities made [Bicycling Magazine's](#) 2016 list of the 50 most bike-friendly cities — Portland (#3), Eugene (#18), and Salem (#47) — and they're not the only ones embracing two-

wheel travel. Bicycling and other modes of “active transportation” are also

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bikes with “wheels of at least 26 inches in diameter and a retail sales price of \$200 or more” ([HB 2017](#)). In a state that lacks and has consistently opposed a general sales tax, this is big news.

A tax on bike sales

The Oregon bike tax is part of a \$5.3 billion transportation package. Revenue generated by the \$15 tax will help fund infrastructure favored by bicyclists, such as bike lanes, as well as pedestrian projects.

Some bike proponents are outraged, calling this more evidence of the ongoing battle between cyclists and drivers. Jonathan Maus of Bike Portland says the tax could be motivated by a desire on the part of some motorists to “[get back at those damn bicyclists](#).” It is, he said, “like a culture war kind of thing.”

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