What are States Doing to Create Safe Bicycling and Walking?

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U.S. Walking and Bicycling Trends: Transportation

Percent of Trips Made by Bike or Foot

- 1995: 6.2 percent
- 2001: 9.5 percent
- 2009: 11.9 percent

Since 2000 – 61% increase in bicycle commuters.

2013 - 10.7 billion Transit trips (Highest since 1956). Every transit user is a pedestrian.
U.S. Walking and Bicycling Trends: Safety and Fatalities

**U.S. Bicyclist and Pedestrian Deaths**

- 1995: 6,417
- 2001: 5,633
- 2009: 4,722
- 2012: 5,469

✓ **Safety in Numbers? - More Bikes/Peds = Safer Roads?**

✓ Proportion of fatalities that are bicyclists or pedestrians is now 16.2 percent, up from 13 percent in 2003.
MAP-21 and Bicycling and Pedestrian Funding

- Reduction in Funds and Previous Core Bike/Ped programs combined into Transportation Alternatives program (TAP)
- Expanded Competition for Bike/Ped Funds
- Fewer Dedicated Funds:
  - Half of TAP funds are automatically apportioned to communities in a state based on population
  - States get other half of TAP funds for distribution, but may transfer up to half of that pot to other transportation priorities.
  - No longer dedicated funds for Safe Routes to School
Vulnerable Road User Laws
Yield or Stop for Pedestrians Laws

- Must Stop in any Portion of the Roadway – Minnesota
- Dedicate Portion of Fines to Infrastructure Improvements
Safe Routes to School


✓ Mapping or Studying School Travel Patterns – Hawaii, Nevada, Utah and Washington.
Safe Passing Laws
Distracted Bicyclists and Pedestrians

- No state has yet passed a ban or fine for using a mobile device while walking/bicycling
- 2012 California bill vetoed by Governor
- More Research needed