# Bicycling Means Business

## Georgia - 1

### Federal Investment in Georgia

$22,755,428

**Average annual funds from transportation enhancements, safe routes to school, and recreational trails**

Average biking and walking projects per year: **123**

### Return on Investment for Georgia

**$143,340,000**

Annual gross income from bicycle retail stores

Jobs: **1,890**

### Return on Investment for Georgia - 1

**$5,890,000**

Annual gross income from bicycle retail stores

Jobs: **160**

### Examples of Bicycle Friendly Georgia

- Roswell
- Decatur
- Athens & Clarke County
- Emory University
- Tybee Island
- BikeAthens
- Camden Bicycle Center, Inc.
- Fat Tire Bikes
- Pirate Pedicab
- Georgia Institute of Technology

“[The Commission] recognizes and encourages bicycling as a viable and worthwhile form of transportation in our plans and programs... We strive to be an example for our member jurisdictions in considering the needs of cyclists.”

- Atlanta Regional Commission

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The number of people killed on our nation’s roads has fallen dramatically in recent years — 37,423 in 2008 to 32,367 in 2011. But this movement Toward Zero Deaths has a significant blindspot: The number of bicyclist and pedestrian deaths is on the rise.

Even as the number of fatalities has increased, the attention to bicycle and pedestrian safety has not. Less than 0.5% of federal Highway Safety Funds are spent improving bicyclist and pedestrian safety. Currently, there is no incentive or guidance given to states to reduce the annual toll of 5,000 pedestrian and cyclist deaths.

MAP-21, the new transportation law, provides a solution. The U.S. Department of Transportation must set safety performance measures for reducing fatalities and serious injuries. We believe the U.S. Department of Transportation should set a national performance goal to reduce bicyclist and pedestrian fatalities. These performance measures will allow maximum flexibility to state and local governments to achieve those goals.

“There is now growing evidence to suggest that cities with higher bicycling rates also have better road safety records.”

— Wesley E. Marshall, Department of Civil Engineering at University of Colorado-Denver, and Norman W. Garrick, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering at the University of Connecticut.