BICYCLING MEANS BUSINESS
ILLINOIS - 13

FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN ILLINOIS

$26,082,229

AVERAGE ANNUAL FUNDS FROM TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS, SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL, AND RECREATIONAL TRAILS

AVERAGE BIKING AND WALKING PROJECTS PER YEAR » 132

RETURN ON INVESTMENT FOR ILLINOIS

$212,800,000

ANNUAL GROSS INCOME FROM BICYCLE RETAIL STORES

JOBS » 3,225

RETURN ON INVESTMENT FOR ILLINOIS - 13

$18,200,000

ANNUAL GROSS INCOME FROM BICYCLE RETAIL STORES

JOBS » 214

EXAMPLES OF BICYCLE FRIENDLY ILLINOIS

Chicago
Evanston
Naperville
Schaumburg
Urbana
Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District
City of Champaign
REI Northbrook
Common Ground Food Co-op
DM Systems Headquarters
REI Lincoln Park
Spin Doctor Cyclewerks
The Burke Group
Trek Bicycle Downers Grove

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TOWARD ZERO DEATHS – FIXING A SAFETY BLINDSPOT

WILL YOU SUPPORT A NATIONAL PERFORMANCE MEASURE TO REDUCE BICYCLIST AND PEDESTRIAN DEATHS?

The number of people killed on our nation’s roads has fallen dramatically in recent years – from 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.

THE SOLUTION

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.