



# BICYCLING MEANS BUSINESS ILLINOIS - 15

## 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**

“Company morale has improved as a result of our Bike to Work program. A number of employees have had significant weight loss as a direct result of biking to work, and cut 20,000 miles of cars/trucks on our local roads.”

- The Burke Group, Rosemont IL

## RETURN ON INVESTMENT FOR ILLINOIS - 15

**\$3,380,000**

ANNUAL GROSS INCOME FROM BICYCLE RETAIL STORES

JOBS » **161**

## 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

**WILL YOU VISIT A LOCAL PROJECT THAT'S MAKING  
OUR COMMUNITY BIKE FRIENDLY?**

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# TOWARD ZERO DEATHS – FIXING A SAFETY BLINDSPOT

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

### FATALITIES VS. SAFETY SPENDING



SOURCE FOR ROADWAY FATALITIES: FARS DATA 2008-2011 SOURCE FOR HSIP SPENT ON B/P: FMIS DATA 2008-2011

### PERCENT CHANGE IN FATALITIES 2010-2011



### THE PROBLEM

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.

Pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities have increased from 12% of all roadway deaths in 2008 to almost 16% in 2011.

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.