

Many communities may not invest sufficiently to support growth in biking and walking for transportation.

The amount of federal transportation funding is not proportional to the transportation trips taken by bike or on foot.



2%

of federal transportation funding supports programs and infrastructure for walking & biking, but...



Data Sources: Fiscal Management Information System, FY 2015; 2012-16 American Community Survey; National Household Travel Survey, 2017

At the local level, some places spend more than others.

Researchers looked at 104 counties.

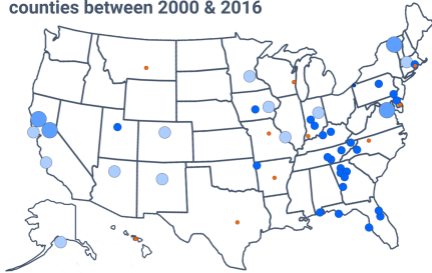
\$2.59

is spent to support walking & biking per person each year in counties with populations of at least 100,000

(ranges from \$0-\$18.05)



Biking to work increased more in high investment counties between 2000 & 2016



Data Sources: 2000 Census, 2012-16 American Community Survey

Percent increase in the share of commuters biking to work in high & low investment counties



▲ 23% increase



▲ 56% increase
= 26,000 more bike commuters

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