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CALIFORNIA STATE BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLAN

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Plan Objective

Develop a visionary and comprehensive policy plan to support active modes of transportation and create a framework to increase safe bicycling and walking





Background

- Support active transportation
- Strategic Management Plan Targets – Triple Bicycle, Double Pedestrian, and Double Transit







Focus of the Plan

- Caltrans and Local Agencies plan to improve:
 - non-motorized transportation facilities on the State system
 - connectivity with transit, passenger and high speed rail, and local and regional networks
- Will complement (not replace) existing policies and plans at the local and regional levels
- A policy plan, not a list of projects.



Guidance and Public Outreach

- Policy Advisory Committee (6)
- Technical Advisory Committee (6)
- Focus Groups (11)
- Regional Forums (10)
- Informational Meetings and Webinars (2)
- Online Surveys and Questionnaires (2)
- Public Review of Draft Plan
- Project Website





Plan Strategies



Safety. Reduce the number, rate, and severity of bicycle and pedestrian involved collisions



Mobility. Increase walking and bicycling in California



Preservation. Maintain a high quality active transportation system

Social Equity. Invest resources in communities that are most dependent on active transportation and transit



Partners in Implementation

- Caltrans: Implementation Lead
- State Agencies (DMV, CHP, High-Speed Rail, Public Health, etc.)
- Cities and Counties
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies
- Local and Regional Transit Providers
- Caltrans Divisions and Districts





Plan Implementation Steps

- Infrastructure
- Education and Training
- Planning
- Data
- Staff

Bicycle Boxes Tiburon Boulevard (SR-131) and Blackfield Drive/Greenwood Cove Drive Tiburon, CA





Timely New Funding Source

Major new funding has been directed to active transportation from Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017:

An additional **\$100 million per year** will go to the California Transportation Commission's Active Transportation Program for the next ten years.





Rise of the Sedentary Lifestyle

- Put simply, we sit too much
- Workforce has changed:
 - Sedentary jobs up 83% since 1950
 - Physically active jobs now <20% of workforce
 - Computer time at work: 6 hours/day
- Activities have changed:
 - on home computer (1 hour/day)
 - watching TV (2.7 hours/day)
 - sitting in cars (45 minutes/day)





Health: Sedentary vs. Active Living

Sedentary lifestyle - increased risks:

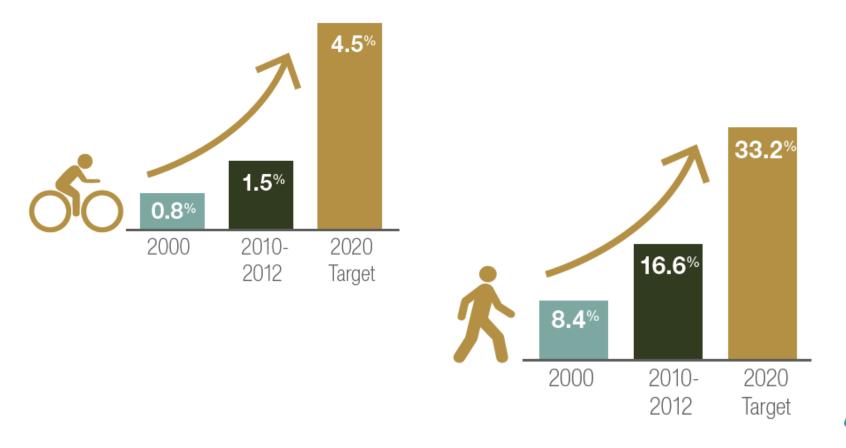
- High blood pressure
- Cardiovascular disease
- Certain cancers
- Obesity
- Anxiety, depression
- Dementia

Active lifestyle - increased benefits:

- Reduced risk for many chronic diseases
- Improved aerobic and muscular fitness
- Improved balance and bone health
- Improved joint mobility
- Improved mental health
- Reduced risk of falling
- Extended years of active life



2020 Active Transportation Targets



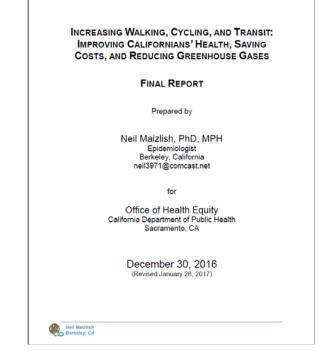


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Achieving the Targets: what would be the effect on health and GHGs?

- California Department of Public Health studied Caltrans' "tripledouble-double" target
- Identified their methodology and assumptions
- Quantified health risks, health benefits, and aggregate carbon emissions







Key Findings

In 2010, more than 23,000 deaths in California could be attributed to physical inactivity.

Achieving Caltrans' "triple-double-double" targets would yield:

- About 2,000 fewer early deaths due to chronic disease
- About 30,000 fewer years lost due to ill-health, disability or early death
- Prevented premature deaths and disability would have an annual monetized value of \$1 billion or more
- About 250 more traffic-related injuries and fatalities
- About 3% reduction in carbon emissions



What We Conclude

- Increased biking and walking have a profound impact on health outcomes
- There will be an increase in traffic injuries and fatalities: therefore, reducing this risk is imperative
- Increasing active transportation is a useful strategy to help us meet California's GHG reduction goals





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Help us make it a reality.





Thank You

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