

# TRANSPORTATION, LAND USE, & COMMUNITY DESIGN SECTOR

## 2011 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



### BACKGROUND

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### STRATEGY 1

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**STRATEGY** Identify new partners and strengthen existing partnerships to adopt approaches that support bicycling, walking, and active community environments.

**GOALS** For 2011: Identify the current level of participation on community environments and physical activity issues that are relevant to national organizations and known partnerships by December 2011.

For 2015: Ten national organizations, 25 statewide agencies, and 100 local organizations will have joined or formed partnerships that specifically focus on supporting active community environments to increase the prevalence of walking and bicycling, and supporting other aligned outcomes such as reducing the incidence of pedestrian and bicyclist injuries and fatalities by December 2015.

#### ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Complete Streets conducted polls that suggested voters' top priority for infrastructure investments are safer streets for our communities and children.
- ✓ The Rural Policy Research Institute released a report, Rethinking Federal Investment in Rural Transportation, discussing the importance of rural transportation and healthy impacts.

### STRATEGY 2

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**STRATEGY** Improve community-planning processes to integrate and prioritize opportunities to increase bicycling, walking, and other physical activity related outcomes.

**GOAL** FOR 2011: Develop evidence-based conclusions and recommendations for implementing the health impact assessment and health economic assessment tools in planning processes at multiple levels of government.

For 2015: At least 100 city and county planning and public health departments will have implemented a multi-disciplinary, participatory planning process in collaboration with city planning, transportation, and other disciplines. The result will be a comprehensive plan that will have incorporation public health and other disciplines' values and strategies to increase levels of walking and bicycling to 15% of all trips by September 2015.

- ACTIVITIES** ✓ Sector leaders passed on information to a variety of organizations about the Health Impact Project's second-round call for proposals to demonstrate the effectiveness of health impact assessments and promote its use by decision-makers in a wide variety of fields, including transportation.

### STRATEGY 3

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**STRATEGY** Implement policy approaches that target and prioritize resources to increase walking, bicycling, and other physical activity.

**GOAL 1** For 2011: Pass with federal transportation reauthorization with a National Complete Streets policy to require roadways to be built with the needs of all users in mind. The new legislation will also require that states and metropolitan regions adopt comprehensive street design principles to take into account the needs of all users, including motorists, motorcyclists, transit riders, cyclists, pedestrians, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities.

For 2015: At least 25 states' Departments of Transportation and 100 metropolitan planning organizations will have adopted and implemented complete street policies by December 2015.

**ACTIVITIES** ✓ The Safe and Complete Streets Act of 2011 (HR1780) was introduced by Representatives Doris Matsui (D-CA) and Steven LaTourette (R-OH) on May 5, 2011. The bill's intent is to ensure the safety of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, children, older individuals, and individuals with disabilities, as they travel on and across federally funded streets and highways.

**GOAL 2** FOR 2011: Streamline the delivery of funding, technical assistance, research, and safety programs related to walking and bicycling at the federal level.

For 2015: Federal transportation funding that supports walking and bicycling will increase from 1.5% to 5% by December 2015.

**ACTIVITIES** ✓ Robert Wood Johnson Foundation launched a Community Grants program called Mobilizing Action Towards Community Health (MATCH) to strengthen the ability of communities to work together to translate the rankings into action, and to implement policies and practices proven to improve the factors that most affect health outcomes.

### STRATEGY 4

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**STRATEGY** Increase accountability of government agencies to increase walking and bicycling with established annual targets and performance measures.

**GOAL 2** FOR 2011: Identify best practices in active transportation, complete streets, and context-sensitive solutions as they relate to support increased levels of walking and bicycling by December 2011.

For 2015: National transportation objectives will have been established for increasing bicycling and walking to 15% of all trips by 2015 and 20% of all trips by 2020. Federal transportation initiatives, funding allocations and project eligibility criteria will be structured and prioritized to have achieved these outcomes by December 2015.

- ACTIVITIES** ✓ Bike sharing programs in major cities were announced and continued operation in 2011. Action toward new programs took place in Boston and New York City, and the Washington DC-area program expanded its efforts.

## STRATEGY 5

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**STRATEGY** Improve infrastructure access to and site location of schools, recreational facilities, and public transportation to increase walking and bicycling.

**GOAL 3** FOR 2011: Increase funding of the USDOT Safe Routes to Schools program to support expanding it to high schools by December 2011.

For 2015: Twenty percent of all trips to public schools (K-8) will be done by walking and bicycling by December 2015.

- ACTIVITIES** ✓ The Safe Routes to School Program Reauthorization Act (S.800) was introduced by Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) and 11 co-sponsors on April 12, 2011. The bill's intent is to preserve current funding levels for Safe Routes to Schools program and expand eligibility to include High Schools.

## STRATEGY 6

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**STRATEGY** Increase the awareness, knowledge, and skills of professionals, elected officials, and citizen advocates who will implement approaches to support and create active community environments.

**GOAL 1** FOR 2011: Enable publication and dissemination of new bicycle and pedestrian guides and manuals created by American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), and the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) by December 2011.

For 2015: Federal, state, and local departments of transportation will include the principles of complete streets to plan, design, engineer, and operate transportation systems to support increased levels of walking and bicycling by December 2015.

- ACTIVITIES** ✓ NACTO published a design manual providing cities with ideas, policies, best practices that can be put into action to help create bicycle-friendly streets that are safe and enjoyable for those using them. The guide places an emphasis on the connection of design and activity.