



**Complete Streets Grant
Program Presentation to Joint
Transportation Committee**

About Washington Bikes



“Washington Bikes grows bicycling all across the state every day. We work with leaders to shape the policies that will make bicycling a safe, accessible form of transportation, travel and recreation.”



Complete streets represent changes in national environment

- On Federal Level, **FAST Act** makes National Highway System changes "may take into account access of all users" to "shall consider" access of all users.
- Also States and MPOs are now encouraged to adopt design standards to ensure the safe and accessible accommodation of all users.

Fixing America's Surface Transportation

FAST Act



Learn more at www.transportation.gov/fastact

What are complete streets to Washington Bikes?

Many different contexts and perspectives exist for how to approach and implement complete streets that work for you and your community....

....Here are some of the contexts and items that we will be looking at and how we will make nominations statewide

Mobility: Complete streets move more people and give people more mobility choices

- Complete Streets make walking, bicycling, and taking public transportation convenient, attractive, and safer while improving certainty and safety for motor vehicle users.
- Making streets that work for more users, mean Complete Streets are more high-value streets that foster more uses, healthier outcomes for their users, and spur more intense and business uses that generate more economic return via jobs and tax incomes.

Safety: it's dangerous out there!

ROAD TRAFFIC INJURIES: THE FACTS

1.25 million

road traffic deaths occur every year

3 out of 4

road deaths are among men

#1

cause of death among those aged 15-29 years



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2015 Traffic Fatalities Rose By Largest Percent In 50 Years, Safety Group Says

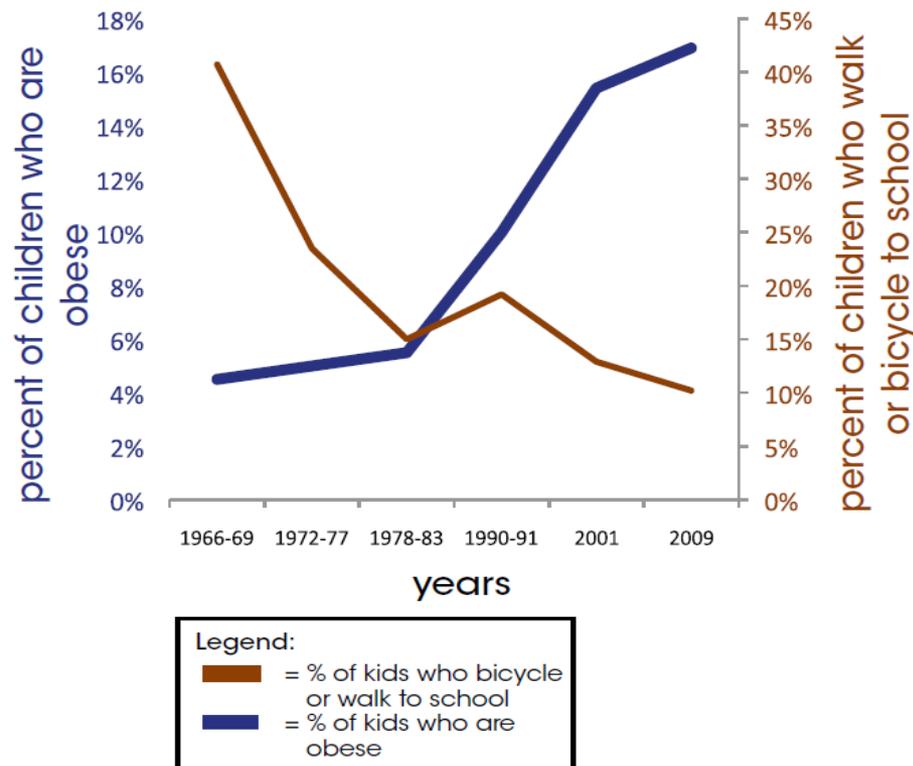
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Obesity increases as physical activity decreases

Trend in Obese Children vs. Rate of Bicycling and Walking to School



Sources: CDC, NHANES, McDonald 2007, Ogden and Carroll 2010, NHTS 2009 Note: $r = -0.70$.

Developers, cities & businesses want it

Google's Clyde McQueen: *“We’re looking forward to walking, biking and riding the streetcar through the [South Lake Union] neighborhood.”*

Spokane, with a complete streets policy, is now looking at ways to redevelop and grow business districts via street redesigns (East Sprague as an example).

Soap Lake, WA is using its TIB-supported main street redevelopment as a central element to its economic redevelopment and tourism promotion strategy.

Our Role in Complete Streets Grant Program

- **Washington Bikes works with partners to hear about best practices and innovative street improvements** - eyes and ears via partnerships with jurisdictions, bike clubs, public health entities, and others
- **We work statewide.**
 - Participate and partner on events/activities, including the Washington Bike Summit, and statewide bike counts and events
 - Other statewide activities, including Safe Routes to School programs, webinars, etc.
 - Engagement with WSDOT grant programs, and other partnerships
 - Washington Bikes and partners engage numerous jurisdictions on safety projects and opportunities statewide.