Toward an Active California: California State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
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
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’ “triple-double-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
The Vision

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Help us make it a reality.
Thank You

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