





Non-motorized Transportation Pilot Program (NTPP)

- Victory in Congress - 2005 (SAFETEA-LU)
- Created NTPP
 - \$25M each to 4 locations, incl. Marin County, CA
 - Shift trips to biking & walking
- Funds projects & programs

Pilot Projects: Are they working?

Recent counts in Marin (cf. to 10 yrs ago):

- biking up 118% weekdays, 125% weekends
- walking up 52%

- Connectivity
- Trails are heavily used
- Synergy of projects & programs
- For more info: www.walkbikemarin.org

3. Active Community Transportation Act of 2010

HR 4722 (Blumenauer)

- \$2 billion national program
- Competitive grants: \$25-\$75 million per community over 5 years
- Targeted investment to create A.T. networks and shift trips from driving to biking/walking

What is Active Transportation?

AT = + + + You

How Can My Community Benefit from the AT Campaign?

- **Great resources for trail advocates**
 - National Case Statement
 - Community vision plans
 - Media kits
 - Issue briefs
- **Raising the profile of trails**

www.railstotrails.org/2010

Active Transportation for America: Report Highlights

Opportunity:
Half of all trips = 20 minute bike ride;
One-quarter all trips = 20 minute walk

Dramatic Economic Benefits:
Increase in biking/walking to 13% = **\$10.4 billion savings/year;**
Increase to 25% = **\$65.9 billion/year**

How Can You Get Involved in the Active Transportation Campaign?

Active Transportation Campaign website:

www.railstotrails.org/2010

- **Join our email newsletter list (see handout)**
 - **Organize support for the bill in your community:**

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Get Involved with Rails-to-Trails

- Sign up for RTC's online network
- Use our great web resources:
 - Search for trails at TrailLink.com
 - Post on our Trail Blog
- Become a member of RTC

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4. Other National Policy Opportunities for Trails

Trails: cross-cutting issue

- Public health- increase physical activity
- Environment – reduce greenhouse gases
- Economic Stimulus – create jobs to build trails



National Policy Opportunities for Trails

- Energy bill
- Climate bill
- Transportation bill
- Economic Stimulus (ARRA)

