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Show Me the Money:
Finding Local Funding Sources for Safe Routes to School
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Policy Success



The Nashville Area MPO 2035 Regional Transportation Plan significantly increased policy and funding for bicycle and pedestrian education and infrastructure

- 60% of the scoring criteria for roadway projects relate to improving health, safety and active transportation
- 15% of the MPO Surface Transportation Program funds are reserved in an Active Transportation Grant program (funds infrastructure and education)

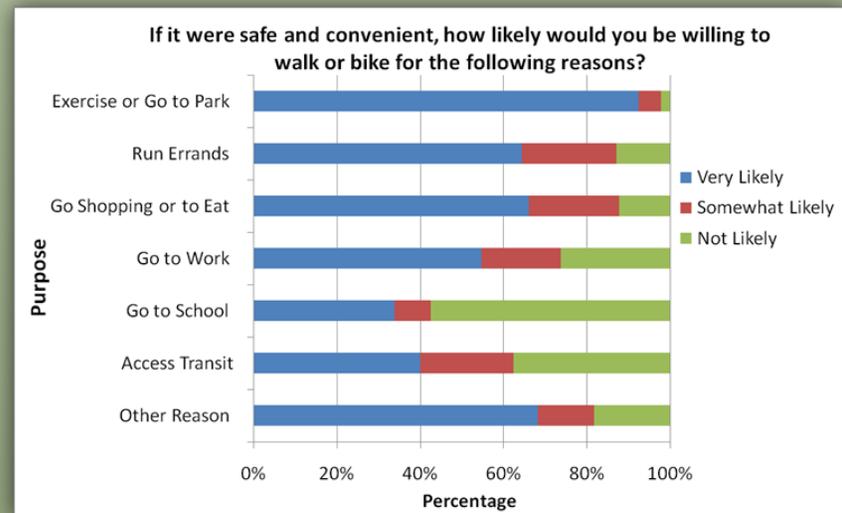
The Campaign

2009 Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Study

- 2,400 people provide input
- Themes: more facilities
facilities that connect
supportive culture

Household Transportation Survey

- 1,100 random-dial households
- Prioritizing Transportation \$:
 1. Transit
 2. Walking/Bicycling
 3. Build Roadways



Champions and Partners



- Residents/Workers in Middle TN
- Mayors
- Partners
- Showcasing other cities
- Health:
 - CDC
 - TN Obesity Taskforce

Lessons Learned

- Adopted a Complete Streets Policy but did not call it by a name
- Encouraged leaders to adopt these policies even without supporting data
- Discussion started out with community vision, not the words health, bicycle or pedestrian



What's Next

Middle Tennessee Transportation and Health Study



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Step 1

Invited to join? Complete a Household Questionnaire.

[Start Here](#)

Step 2

Record your travel on your assigned day using your travel log.

[Learn More...](#)

Step 3

After your travel date, please report your travel information.

[Report Travel](#)

Step 4

If selected, complete the additional Health Survey.

[Take Health Survey](#)

Welcome! The Middle Tennessee Transportation and Health Study is sponsored by the **Nashville Metropolitan Planning Organization**, the **Clarksville Urbanized Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**, and the **Tennessee Department of Transportation**. If you have received a participation letter, please [Start Here](#) to begin the survey.



Every day, thousands of people move through the middle Tennessee region—in cars, on buses, by foot, on bikes. To plan for the projects of *tomorrow*, we need to understand how you travel *today*. Your participation in this important survey will help improve the future of transportation for all of us.