

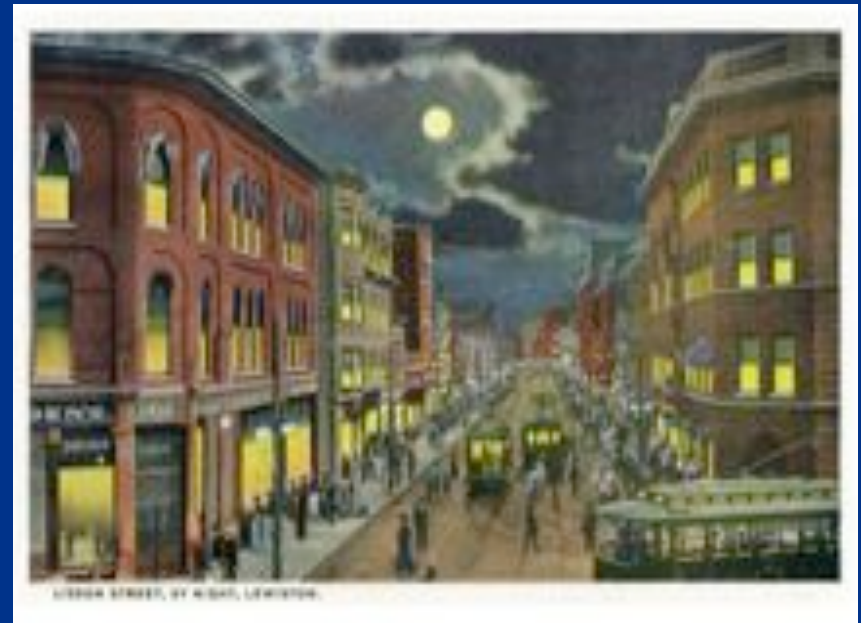
Proposal for a Lewiston-Auburn Bicycle Pedestrian Committee



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Background

Our cities were initially designed for travel “sans voiture.”



Many people in Lewiston-Auburn already run, walk, and bike for recreation and commuting purposes. Over one-third of residents do not have the option of driving a car. In some neighborhoods, over 50% of households do not have a car.

(Bridging the Gaps, 2008)

Background

There are already efforts to make our communities more walkable and bikeable.



Examples:

Pedestrian Bridge
L-A Riverwalk Paths
Lewiston Riverside Trail
Bike lanes and parking racks
Long-Range Bike-Ped Plan (ATRC)

Background

Bike Ped infrastructure is not being fully integrated into the development of our local transportation system.



What's a road without a network?

Reasons for Supporting Bicycle and Pedestrian Travel in L-A Economic Development



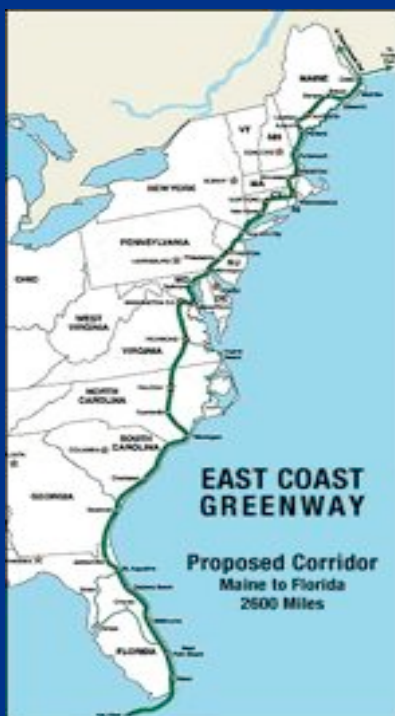
Attracts young people and increases property values.

Study by Pivo and Fisher (2010) found that office, retail and apartment values increased 1% to 9% for each 10-point increase in the 100 point WalkScore index.

(Evaluating Non-Motorized Transportation Benefits, 2011)

Reasons for Supporting Bicycle and Pedestrian Travel in L-A

Economic Development

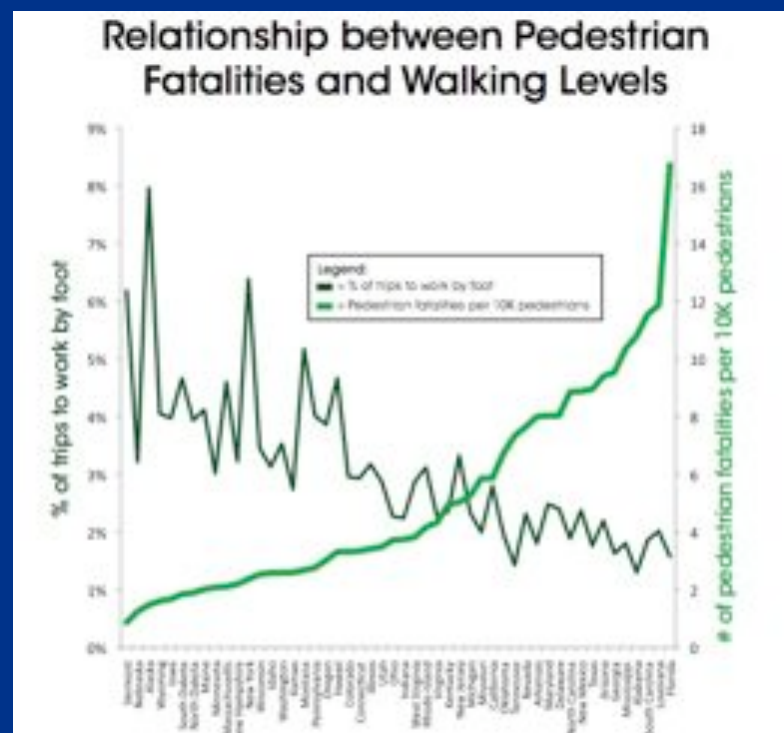


Maine ranked 2nd most bicycle-friendly state and East Coast Greenway brings cyclists through our community.

(League of American Bicyclists, 2011)

Reasons for Supporting Bicycle and Pedestrian Travel in L-A

Safety



Without proper education and infrastructure, people cannot travel safely. Bicyclists and Pedestrians make up 12% of all trips and account for 14% of traffic fatalities.

(Bicycling and Walking in the United States, 2012)

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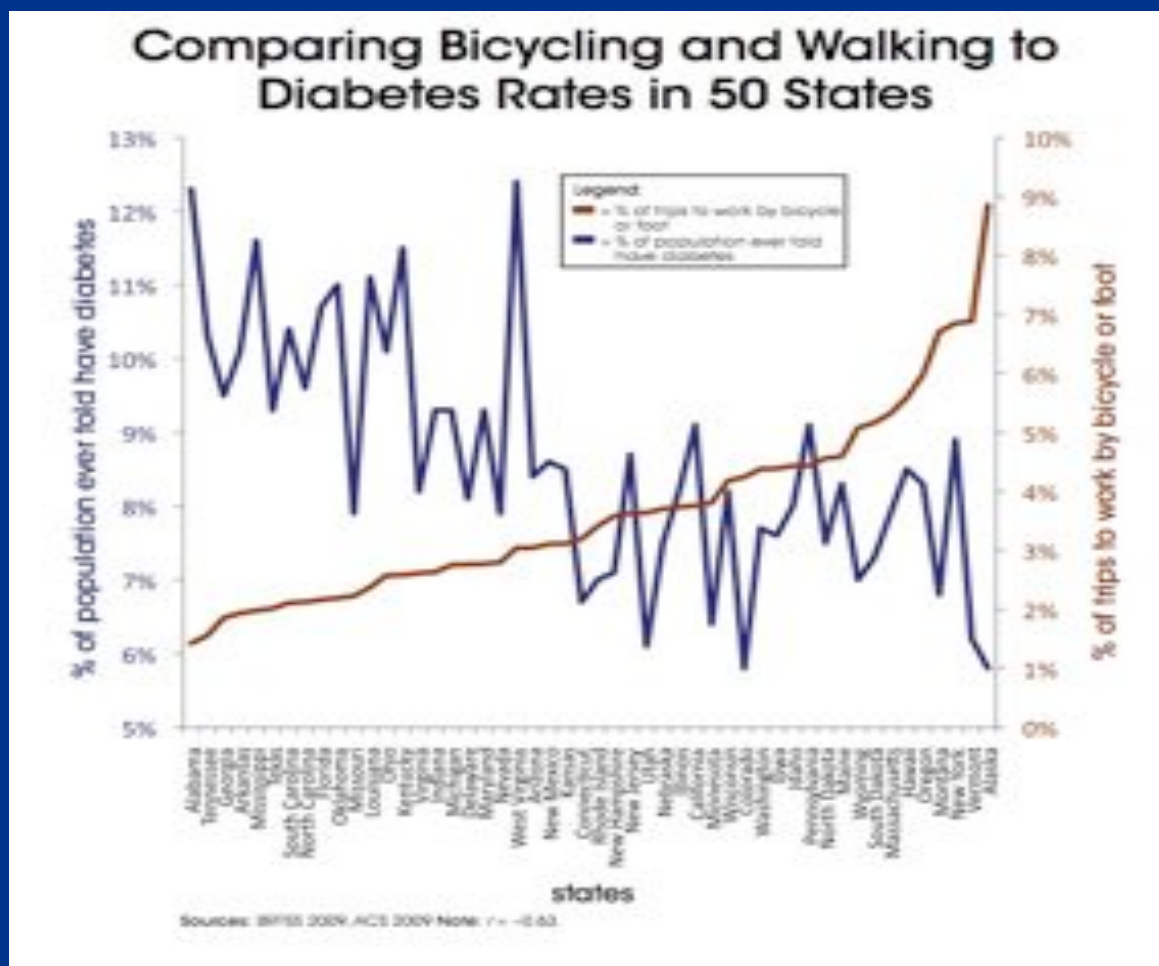
Quality of Life



Increases opportunity for exercise, social interaction,
lower cost of living.

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Quality of Life



L-A Bicycle Pedestrian Committee



Purpose: To promote bicycle-pedestrian education and develop and monitor policy for non-motorized transportation and recreation in Lewiston-Auburn.

L-A Bicycle Pedestrian Committee

Mission

- Policy Recommendation
- Advise Departments
- Long-Range Plan Update
- Monitor Implementation
- Education



BRIDGING THE GAPS
A Long-Range Facilities Plan for Bicycling
and Walking in the ATRC Region:
Lewiston/Auburn/Lisbon/Sabattus

L-A Bicycle Pedestrian Committee

Structure

- 7 members (2 councilors, 4 residents, 1 business person)
- Criteria consideration for appointment:
 - Commutes in L-A by bike
 - Commutes in L-A by foot
 - Commutes by wheelchair
 - Planning background in transportation
 - Walks and/or bikes recreationally in L-A
- Committee shall remain until Sept 1st, 2015

L-A Bicycle Pedestrian Committee

Cost

- Each city provides:
 - In-kind staff support, printing, etc.
- Low/no added cost items
 - Re-prioritizing use within current street width according to resurfacing and reconstruction schedules
 - Education
 - Signage
- High cost items
 - New multi-use pathways (potentially leverage state and federal dollars)

L-A Bicycle Pedestrian Committee

Benefits and Savings

- Public
 - Decreased automobile traffic volume
 - Decreased automobile infrastructure requirements
 - L-A partnership favorable in grant applications
 - Increased property value
 - Attracts young people and tourism
 - Increases appeal of transit-based inter-city travel
- Private
 - Improved health, wellness, and quality of life
 - Increases economic opportunity and reduces travel expenses
 - Increased property value