



U.S. Department
of Transportation

Federal Highway
Administration

Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION:** Policy on Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects and Transmittal of National Bicycling and Walking Study Final Report Date: May 9, 1994

From: Rodney E. Slater
Administrator

Reply to
Attn. of: HEP-50

To: Associate Administrators
Regional Administrators
Federal Lands Highway Program Administrator

The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) called for the development of a National Intermodal Transportation System to move people and goods in an energy efficient manner. The ISTEA clearly recognized the contributions that bicycling and walking can make to this System. I, too, strongly support the use of these travel modes as essential elements of a more balanced Intermodal Transportation System.

I would like FHWA to continue taking a strong leadership role in promoting both the use and safety of these modes of travel. I am asking for the full support of the field offices in working with States, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO), and local transportation agencies to ensure that full consideration is given to the encouragement and safety of bicyclists and pedestrians on all Federal-aid highway projects.

The ISTEA requires the development of statewide and metropolitan transportation plans. The inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian elements in these transportation plans is essential.

I encourage you to cooperate with the division offices in working with States and MPO's to identify and implement bicycle and pedestrian projects using Federal-aid funds. As has been the case, these projects may be independent projects or parts of a larger highway project. They may be construction or non-construction projects. The FHWA has been gathering early data on ISTEA expenditures for bicycle and pedestrian projects, and there has been a significant increase in these projects since ISTEA. We will be continuing to collect financial data to determine the future amounts spent on bicycle and pedestrian projects.

Attached are copies of the final report for the National Bicycling and Walking Study which outlines Federal, State, and local activities required to meet the goals of the study:

1. To double (from 7.9 to 15.8) the percent of transportation trips made by bicycling and walking, and
2. To reduce by 10 percent the number of injuries and fatalities occurring to bicyclists and pedestrians.

Please distribute copies of this report to the division offices and to the States. Sufficient copies are attached to allow one copy for each region and division office, and two copies for each State to ensure that the State bicycle and pedestrian coordinator receives a copy. Additional copies of the report may be requested from John Fegan, the Bicycle Program Manager at (202) 366-5007 or from Barbara McMillen at (202) 366-4634.

The policies of encouraging the increased use and safety of bicycling and walking have been endorsed by the Secretary. I would like to reiterate our enthusiastic support of bicycling and walking as legitimate transportation modes, and request our field offices' continued assistance in carrying out this policy.

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