In October 2012, CDOT adopted its first-ever *Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan*. Bicycling and walking activity in Colorado benefits the state and its citizens in many ways, and the plan provides a foundation for CDOT and their regional and local planning partners to prioritize bicycle and pedestrian projects and programs for funding and implementation.

**Vision**

“The Colorado Department of Transportation intends to increase bicycling and walking activity levels, for both transportation and recreational purposes, through both infrastructure projects and promotional programs, to help achieve the broadly established and supported economic, public health, environmental, and quality of life benefits.”

**Goals and Investment Decision Criteria**

The *Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan* is based on broadly supported statewide goals listed below that can be achieved in part through more bicycling and walking, particularly for transportation.

- **Enhance Safety**
  - Reduce crash rate or potential threat of crashes
- **Increase Bicycling and Walking Activity**
  - Improve (corridor) bicycling or walking conditions
  - Expand permanent data collection infrastructure
- **Expand Recreational Opportunities and Enhance Quality of Life**
  - Enhance Scenic Byways
  - Create access to public lands
  - Provide multi-use pathways near populations
  - Preserve and enhance downtown character
- **Improve Public Health**
  - Reduce disease/obesity in children, adults, and seniors
- **Improve Environment, Air Quality, and Fossil Fuel Independence**
  - Reduce carbon-based vehicle miles traveled through increased bicycling and walking
- **Provide Transportation Equity**
  - Provide mobility options to underserved populations
  - Provide safe active transportation to schools and learning centers
  - Provide pedestrian mobility for seniors and disabled populations
- **Maximize Transportation Investments**
  - Complete or connect network or system
  - Reduce motor vehicle traffic congestion
  - Enhance multimodal efficiency (expand utility of public transportation)
- **Improve State/Regional Economy**
  - Provide better access to jobs
  - Bolster tourism
  - Induce mode shift to bicycling, walking, and transit = more household disposable income
Phase II of Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

CDOT is now in the second phase of the statewide bicycle and pedestrian planning process. The primary objectives of Phase II are to:

- Review and evaluate criteria and performance measures in the current Plan
- Provide input on the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding guidelines and application process to assure compatibility with the Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
- Develop system-level performance measures related to the Plan goals for statewide tracking purposes
- Effectively integrate bicycle and pedestrian modes into the Statewide Transportation Plan

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