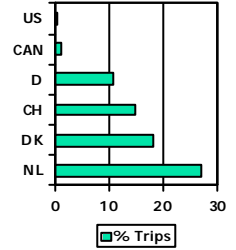


## Policy Assessment: Bicycling in US Cities

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## International Comparison

- Compare US cities with
  - Copenhagen
  - Amsterdam
  - Munich
  - Basel
  - Tokyo
  - Beijing



## US Cities Doing Good Things



## A Decade of Progress

- Federal
  - ISTEA, TEA-21
  - National Bicycling and Walking Study
  - FHWA Design Guidance
  - National Strategies to Advance Bicycle Safety
- APBP, ITE, TRB



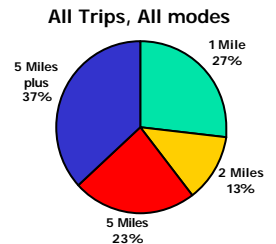
## Benefits of Bicycling...



- ...are about more than just the bicycle. Bicycling is about:
  - Health
  - Economics
  - Freedom

## Trip Distances Still Doable

- 69% of trips 1 mile or less currently made by car, which means...
- ...18% of all trips are car trips one mile or less



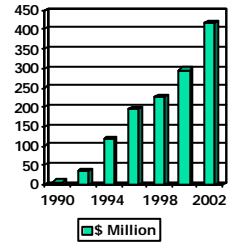
## Technical Knowledge Available

- National guidelines and manuals
- Professional associations developing materials
- Training courses and trainers available
- Research at Federal and State level
- PBIC (www.bicyclinginfo.org)
- National user groups



## Funding is Available

- ISTEA and TEA-21 Funds
- LWCF, public health and other grants
- State funds (lotteries, drivers license fees etc)
- Local gas tax, sales tax, general funds



## So Why Are We Here?

- Bicycling has low priority, high potential
  - Fails the laugh test
  - Benefits not clear
  - Lack of belief people will change
  - Powerful political, economic inertia



## Compelling Case for Cycling

- Bicycle Friendly Communities
  - Designation program
  - Policy project
  - International Symposium



## International Symposium on Bicycle Friendly Communities

- March 4, 2003
- Hosted by World Bank
- Project of LAB and Velo Mondial
- Signing of Charter on BFCs



## Cities for Cycling Charter

- Big Picture
  - Inter-dept. Task Force
  - Model employer
  - Training
- Details
  - Lanes, trails
  - Parking
  - Education
  - Plan
  - Promotion

