

# REGIONAL AND STATE PLATFORM

In order to improve bicycling and pedestrian conditions across the region, policies must be adopted at a local, regional, and state-wide level. While you advocate for better biking and walking at the local level in your community, Active Trans will be advocating the below regional, state and federal platform on behalf of you and the entire Chicagoland region.

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## Regional Actions

- Prioritize non-motorized modes of transportation like bicycling in the upcoming regional plan, ON TO 2050.
- Create incentives for bike- and walk-friendly development near transit stations, including expansion of major job centers into mixed-use destinations connected by rapid transit.
- Ensure regionally programmed funding sources, like the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program and Surface Transportation Program (STP), prioritize active modes such as bicycling.
- Provide additional training and technical assistance to communities with limited staff capacity.
- Assist communities with limited local funds in raising local match money for federally funded projects.

## State Actions

- Invest state dollars in bikeways projects and programs, including targeted support for planning and construction in high-need communities.
- Implement the Illinois State Bike Transportation Plan. In particular:
  - Dedicate state funding for Complete Streets facilities like bike lanes and sidewalks, and prioritize such projects.
  - Track the number and impact of Complete Streets projects.
  - Develop biking and walking safety standards and assign adequate “Highway Safety” funds to achieve the standards.
  - Update IDOT design manuals, and the Bikeway Selection Tables, to reflect modern best practices for how best to accommodate biking and walking.
- Evaluate and report on the implementation of state Complete Streets to date and make improvements.

## Federal Actions

- Maintain and grow federal funding sources for biking projects in the Chicago suburbs, including the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and TIGER Grant program.