

# 2014 FEDERAL POLICY PRIORITIES

The League doesn't just organize the National Bike Summit one week per year — we have a presence on Capitol Hill, advocating for the best policies for bicycling, every day. In 2014, we're focusing in on four key areas to build a Bicycle Friendly America for everyone. But we'll need your help.

## FUNDING

The Transportation Alternatives Program is a powerful tool for local communities, but the funding process can be hard to navigate. Ask lawmakers to support the League's initiatives to make it easier to access this funding for biking and walking projects — and reduce the red tape surrounding small projects that don't have environmental impacts.

## EQUITY

Bicycling is a great equalizer — and more and more people are getting on bikes. Many more would do so but are concerned about their safety. A new bill in Congress would create incentives — low-interest, long term loans — for local governments to fund bike/ped networks in underserved communities, while ensuring local control over these investment decisions.

## SAFETY

In 2012, 726 people lost their lives on U.S. roadways while riding their bikes — that's a 7.2 percent increase from 2011. Bicyclists and pedestrians now make up more than 16 percent of all traffic deaths. This has to stop, and a one-sentence in bill in Congress could do it. Urge your lawmakers to vote yes on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Act. <http://bit.ly/1ex9byo>

## NATIONAL PLAN

We need a National Bike Plan to realize the huge potential of bicycling to help solve complex and costly problems such as climate change, congestion and the obesity epidemic. The plan would establish national performance measures and action plans for government, advocates, and the private sector at the federal, state and local level.