60% of Americans support increasing federal funding for biking and walking

An Ipsos/League survey asked Americans: Knowing less than two percent of transportation funding goes to sidewalks, bike lanes, and bike paths, do you think spending on sidewalks and bikeways should increase, stay about the same, or decrease?

68% want funding to increase and 28% said maintain it - only 5% want to decrease funding.

Support for funding spans political spectrum

While 67% of Democrats support increased investment, 52% of Republicans also support increased investment and 62% of Independents support increased investments in biking and walking.

Democrats

- 67% support increased funding
- 20% maintain current funding
- 5% support decreased funding

Republicans

- 52% support increased funding
- 36% maintain current funding
- 5% support decreased funding

Independents

- 62% support increased funding
- 33% maintain current funding
- 1% support decreased funding

There is bipartisan support for an increase in funding for biking and walking

Support for increased funding continues to grow

Previous surveys conducted in 2012 and 2016 also found broad support for increasing federal funding of biking and walking. In 2020, 60% of those surveyed believe that federal funding for bicycling and walking should be increased, up from 58% in 2016 and 47% in 2012.

Support for increased funding gains favor with Republicans

One of the demographics with the biggest shift in support for increasing federal transportation funding to bicycling and walking comes from Republicans.

People living in rural communities support funding for biking and walking

While urban dwellers show the most support for funding biking and walking, there is support across community types. Suburban residents show the largest increase in support, rising to 61% in 2020, compared to 57% in 2016 and 44% in 2012.