Sixty percent of Americans surveyed think the federal government should invest more of its transportation dollars into programs that benefit people who bike and walk. In a new League of American Bicyclists/Ipsos poll, Americans across the political, social, and racial spectrum report wanting better places to bike and walk, with 78% of people surveyed agreeing that their community would be a better place to live if bicycling were safer and more comfortable.

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?

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.
Black Americans continue to show the highest support for increased investment at 62%. The largest rise in support comes from White Americans. In 2020, 61% of White Americans support increased investment compared with 54% in 2016 and 44% in 2012. 60% of Hispanic respondents support increased investment.

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