

# Strategic Investments Increase Bicycling and Walking Transportation

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## TRANSIT *for Livable Communities*

Working for a world class public transportation system and  
communities designed for bicycling and walking

# Bike Walk Twin Cities

## \$28m investment

**Bike Walk**



**Twin Cities**

**Charge from Congress:**

**“... demonstrate the extent to which bicycling & walking can carry a significant part of the transportation load and represent a major portion of the transportation solution.”**

# Benchmarked Results 2007-2013



16%



78%

# Comprehensive Approach

## Maximize existing roadway

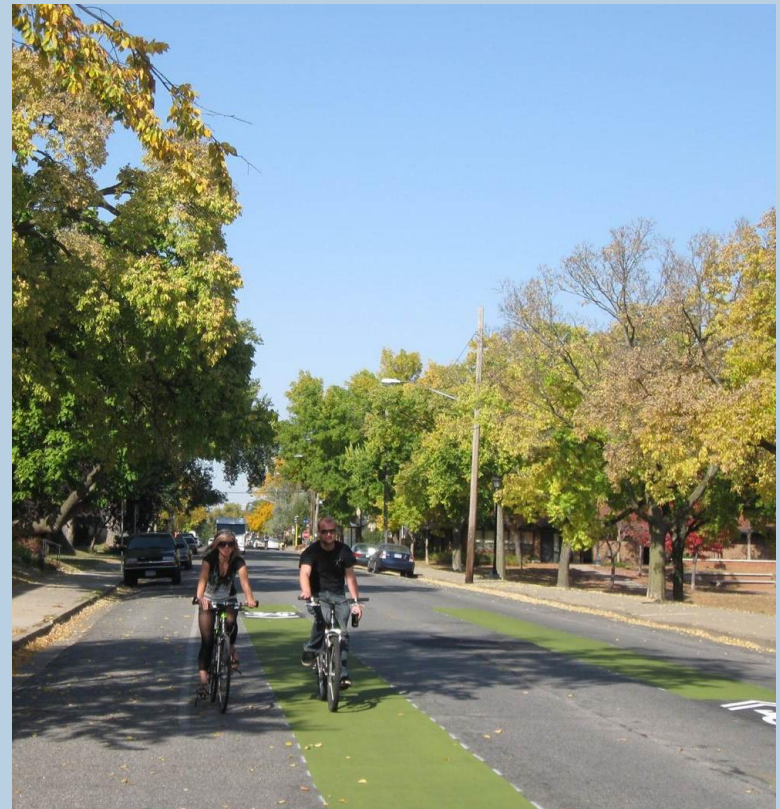
- Short trips
- Year-round; serious transportation
- Key network connections

## Create regional legacy

- Planning
- Data collection
- Innovation

## Build capacity

- Underserved populations
- Political leadership
- Transportation professionals



# Planning, Capacity Building



- Tools for planners–  
Cycloplan
- Bike / ped connections to  
transit, e.g., Central Corridor
- Feasibility studies & plan  
sets for 12 key corridors





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Firsts for Minnesota:

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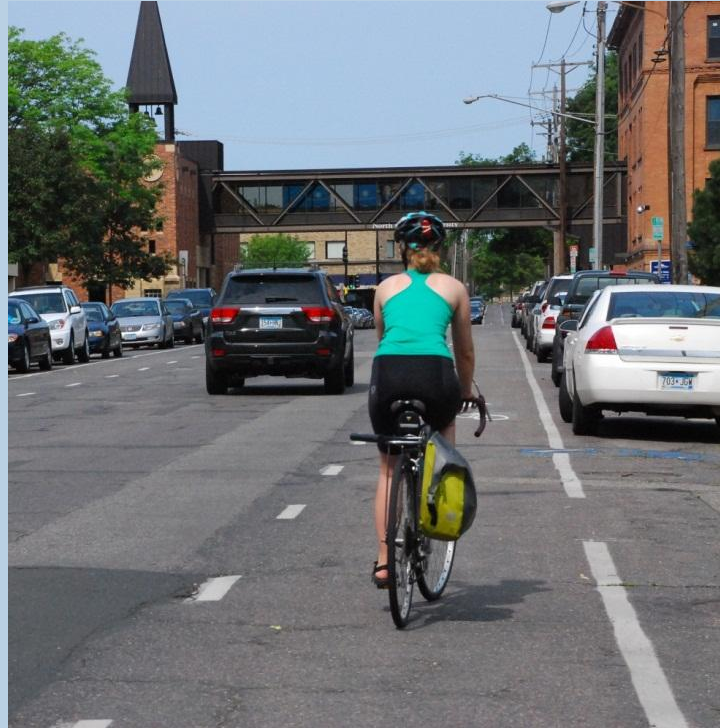
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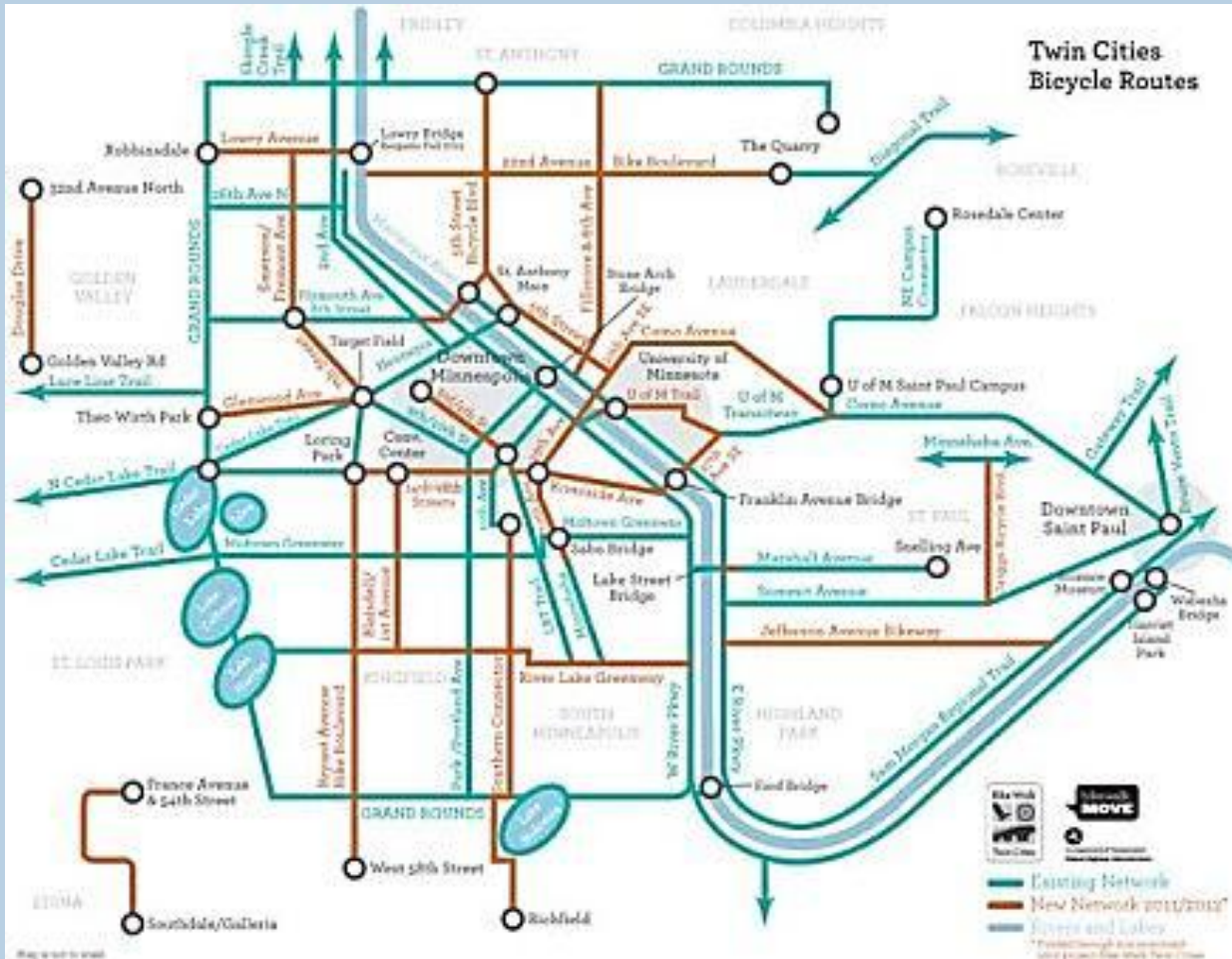
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4. “Bicyclists May Use Full Lane”
5. Leading pedestrian interval

## Much attention to:

- Road diets



# Expanded Network



More than  
75 miles of  
new  
bikeways  
and  
sidewalks

# Holistic Approach

- Nice Ride MN bike sharing
- Community Partners Bike Library
- U of M Bike Center
- SPOKES bike walk connect
- Bike parking





# Suburban Impact

\$3.28 million for 15 projects across 7 communities



*The goals for the corridor address a wide range of issues in order to create a model for this type of road.*

**Edina, Roseville,  
Lauderdale, Falcon  
Heights, Fridley,  
Golden Valley,  
Richfield**

# Address cultural and economic equity







“Some say African Americans don’t care about being healthy. Apparently, they’ve never met me.”



bikewalkmove.org

Made possible by the City of Minneapolis through funding from the Department of Health and Human Services and by Bike Walk Twin Cities, a program of Transit for Livable Communities, through the Federal Highway Administration.



“Statistics show northside residents develop diabetes at about twice the national average. That won’t be me.”



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I choose

to walk as a family.

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bike.walk.  
**MOVE**



Yo escojo

el viaje escénico.

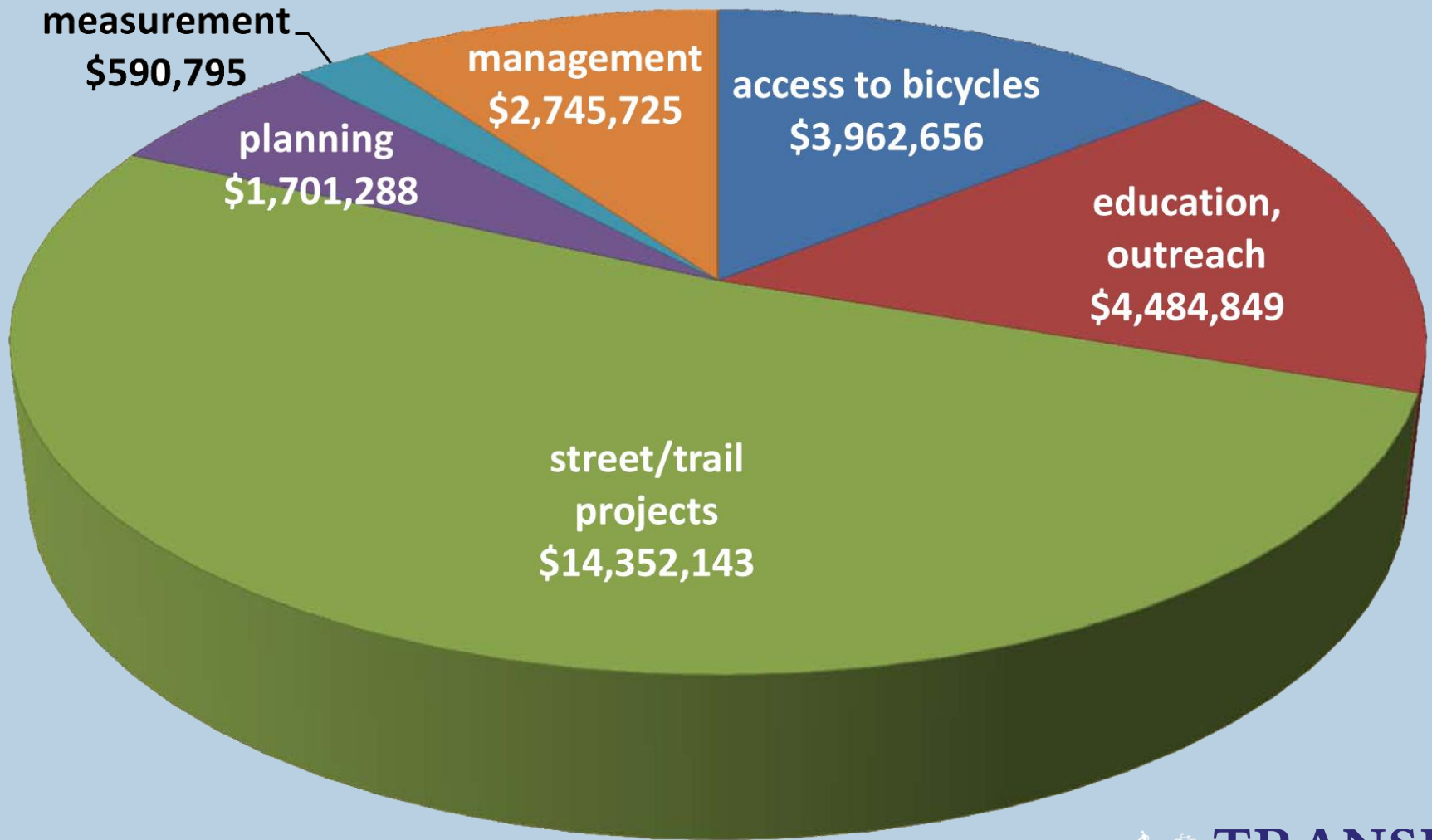
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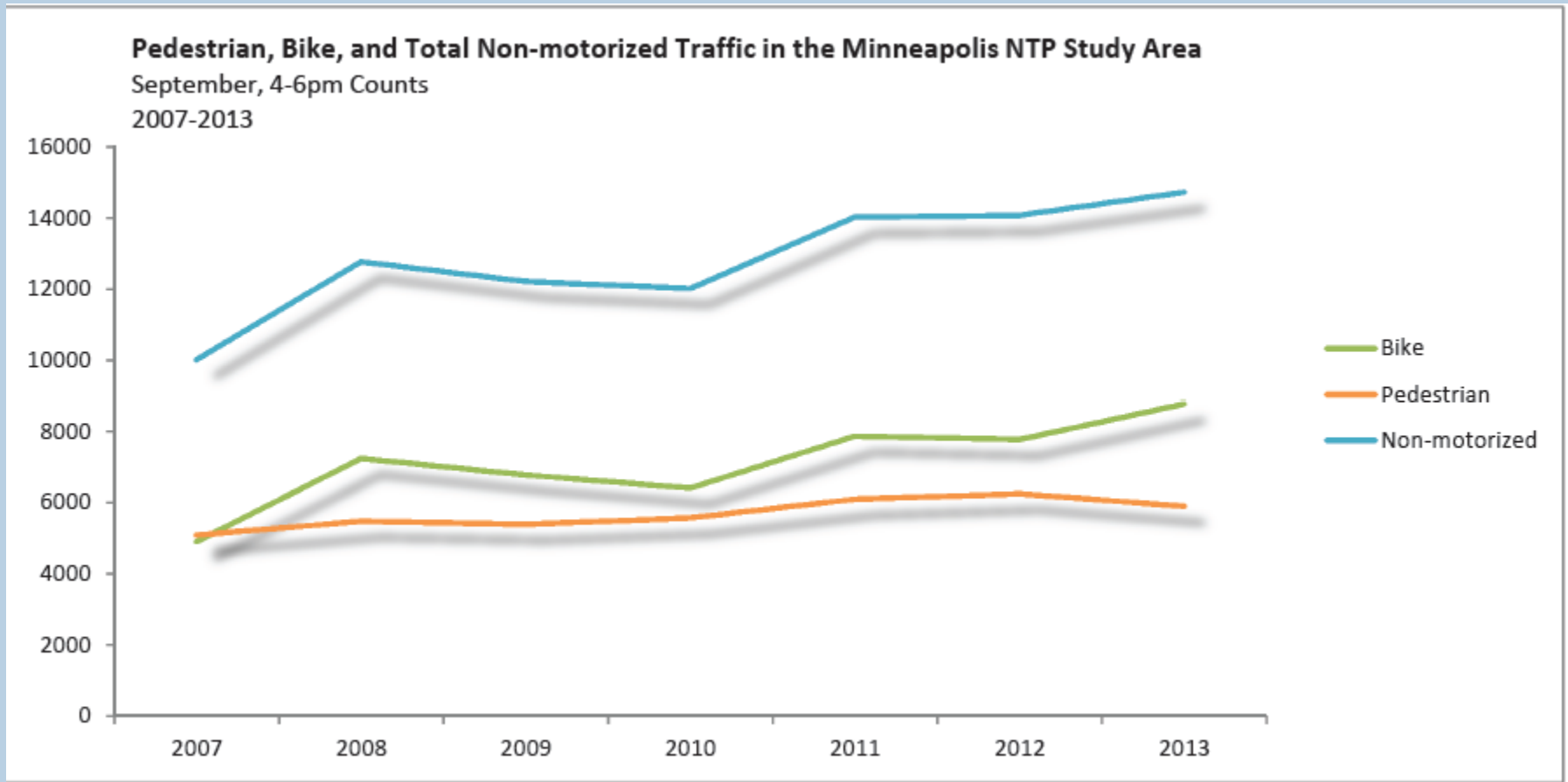


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# BWTC investments 2006 - 2014



# Bike / ped counts 2007-2013

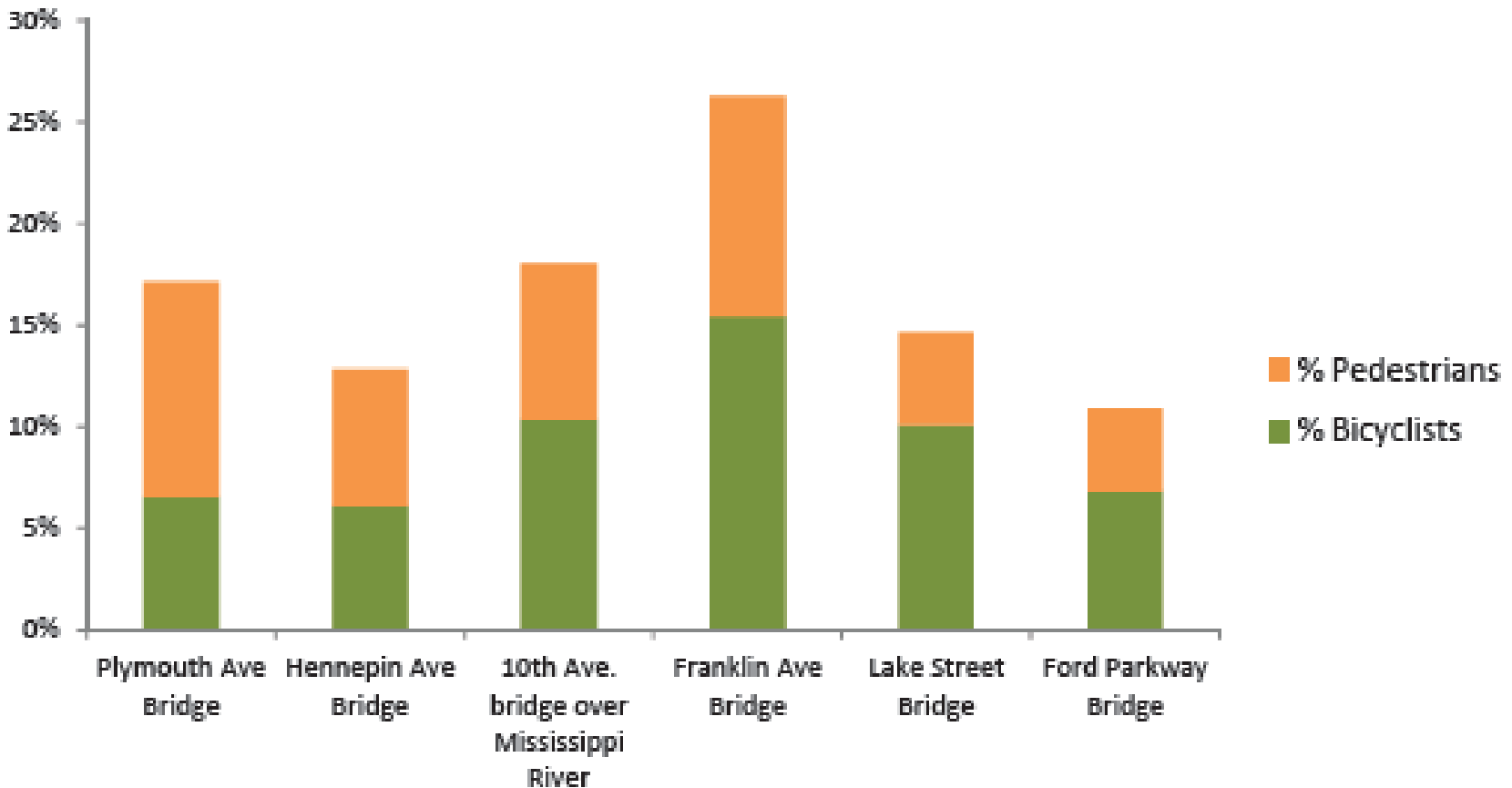


**2007-2013: non-motorized + 45%; bicycling + 78%; walking + 16%**

# Bike / Ped Mode Share

Average: 16% of traffic on bridges

## Bike and Pedestrian Mode Share, 2013





# Safer sidewalks

Bicycle use up &  
sidewalk riding down at

**100%**

of locations with  
new bicycle facilities

Bike Walk Twin Cities 2013 Count Report

# What's Next?

- Need stable funding for bicycling, walking
- Data collection is critical
- A small amount of funding can go a long way
- Lessons are transferable to communities across the state
- Bicycling and walking are basic to transportation equity
- Providing access to affordable transportation benefits households, communities



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