

The bicycle culture is booming in the Richmond region, but we still need more safe and comfortable places to walk and bike, such as protected bike lanes, paved trails, and calm neighborhood streets. We won't be ready to become a ***world-class bicycling destination*** and show off the Richmond region at the 2015 World Road Cycling Championships unless we **plan, fund, and build** great bicycling infrastructure now!



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Please continue to support and facilitate regional collaboration and action on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements in the Richmond region. Walking and biking foster healthy lifestyles and energy independence, reduce harmful emissions, attract visitors, and cultivate economic development. Despite a burgeoning bike culture, our region still has only **18.25 miles** of bike lanes and a bike commute share of **1.6%**. We have a long way to go to being the bike-friendly region that my fellow citizens – and the world – expect to see by 2015.

Please take action.

As a citizen of the Richmond region, I strongly support biking and walking as safe, efficient, viable means of transportation and a key to attracting cutting edge companies and workers. Please lead the way by taking these specific actions:

- Put bicycle funding into your local capital improvement and transportation budgets.
- Allocate regional transportation funds to bicycling.
- Request and obtain additional state funding through the next state Six-Year Program.

Sincerely,

Plan It
Fund It
Build It.