Many communities may not invest sufficiently to support growth in biking and walking for transportation.

The amount of federal transportation funding is not proportional to the transportation trips taken by bike or on foot.

- 2% of federal transportation funding supports programs and infrastructure for walking & biking, but...
- 3.6% of people walk or bike to work, and
- 12% of all trips are taken on foot or by bike.

At the local level, some places spend more than others.

Researchers looked at 104 counties.

- High investment counties spend $7.28
- Low investment counties spend $1.40

Biking to work increased more in high investment counties between 2000 & 2016

- Percent increase in the share of commuters biking to work in high & low investment counties
  - Low investment counties: 23%
  - High investment counties: 50%

More bike commuters: 26,000

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