



City of Thornton

Transportation Plan

Active Transportation — Walking and Biking

Need to run to the store?

Consider leaving your car at home...

Walking and biking are essential elements of the Transportation Plan. Nearly half of all trips in the U.S. are under three miles. “Active transportation” is a practical choice for these short trips which reduces traffic congestion, improves air quality and increases health. The City will consider ways to develop a continuous pedestrian and bicycle network of cross-town corridors strategically linking our community.



Have you noticed more bicycle commuters?

Ask any bicycle commuter if they would rather be sitting in traffic on a congested roadway or enjoying the health and stress reduction benefits of riding a bike to work. The answer is evident by the increasing number of two-wheeled commuters. Give it a try!

Bike to Work Day

According to the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), the Denver metro area’s 2008 “Bike to Work Day” saw a 43% increase in participants from last year. DRCOG estimates that about 35,000 regional employees biked to work that day!

Community building

Another significant benefit of trails and streets that support active transportation is the sense of community and personal connections they foster. Personal interaction is encouraged in a way entirely unavailable to automobile users. Communities with good walking and biking conditions typically experience:

- ◆ Economic vitality
- ◆ Increased housing values
- ◆ Neighborhood revitalization
- ◆ Building local businesses

