Active Mobility

DESCRIPTION
Active Mobility supports the construction of new or improved pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, such as sidewalks, complete streets, bike lanes, and shared-use paths.

BENEFITS
Makes it safer, easier, and more attractive for residents to walk and bike in Massachusetts. Investing in active mobility infrastructure creates significant construction and contractor work opportunities, and provides long-term fuel cost savings. By increasing the viability of biking and walking rather than personal vehicles, Active Mobility alleviates road congestion, reduces traffic accidents, and encourages healthy lifestyles.

RESULTS
Supports 8.7 jobs per million dollars invested, compared to 7.8 jobs per million dollars invested in the state’s ten largest industries. Additionally, every dollar invested saves the Commonwealth $7.20 in fuel costs, congestion, and public health costs.

JOBS PER MILLION INVESTED
- **Active Mobility**: 8.7 Jobs
- **State’s Ten Largest Industries**: 7.8 Jobs

TOP OCCUPATIONS
1. Construction Laborers
2. Carpenters
3. Electricians
4. First-Line Construction Supervisors
5. Retail Salespersons

BENEFITS PER MILLION INVESTED
- **Fuel Cost Savings**: $89,900 (Gasoline and diesel costs avoided by reducing vehicle reliance)
- **Travel Time Savings**: $177,000 (Travel time savings from lower traffic congestion and improved active mobility)
- **Air Pollution Health Benefits**: $36,500 (Saved lives and avoided illnesses from improved air quality)
- **Traffic Accidents Avoided**: $48,200 (Avoided traffic accident fatalities or injuries)
- **Physical Activity Health Benefits**: $6,845,500 (Saved lives and avoided illnesses from increased walking and cycling)

Total $7,197,000

These findings are an excerpt from *Investing in a Better Massachusetts: An Analysis of Jobs and Community Benefits from Green Investments*. Read the full report here.