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HIGHLIGHTS OF 2015 BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CYNTHIA GIBSON



Our work in 2015 brought us closer to achieving the vision of a transportation system throughout Idaho that supports and encourages walking and bicycling. Here's a recap of just some of the things **YOUR** support made possible. **THANK YOU** for being an active **transportation HERO!**

At the state legislature, we successfully raised awareness of the need for state funding for Safe

Routes to School (SRTS), a key goal for Idaho Walk Bike Alliance (IWBA). We were well prepared when legislative focus turned to a new transportation bill. Our partner, Conservation Voters for Idaho, successfully inserted SRTS language into House Bill 312. Unfortunately, it was removed during the Conference Committee in the final two days of the session. Legislators and Idaho Transportation Department executives wrote letters in support of SRTS and we carry on efforts to educate stakeholders on the value and importance of state funding. We also made presentations throughout the year on the value of SRTS in all Idaho communities to various stakeholders and entities such as the Idaho Transportation Board and the Idaho School Board Association.

We celebrated the designation of U.S. Bicycle Route 10 in the Idaho panhandle with a fall ribbon-cutting event and bike ride in Sandpoint (PHOTO ABOVE). This is the first USBR in Idaho and features 66 scenic miles! Participants included the Governor's North Idaho Field Representative, the Department of Commerce, Idaho Transportation Department's District 1 Planner Don Davis, Sandpoint City Council member Shelby Rognstad, and IWBA Board and Staff.

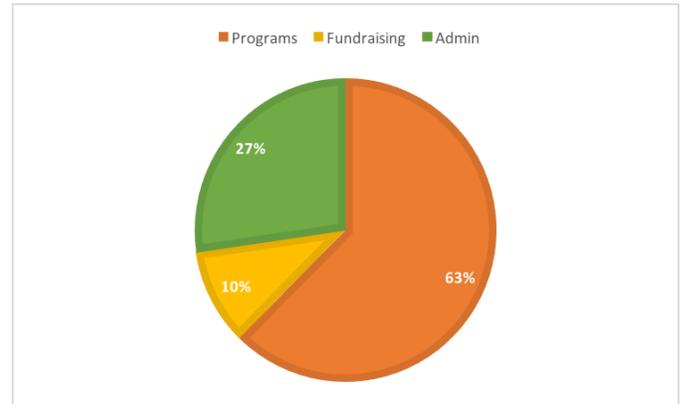
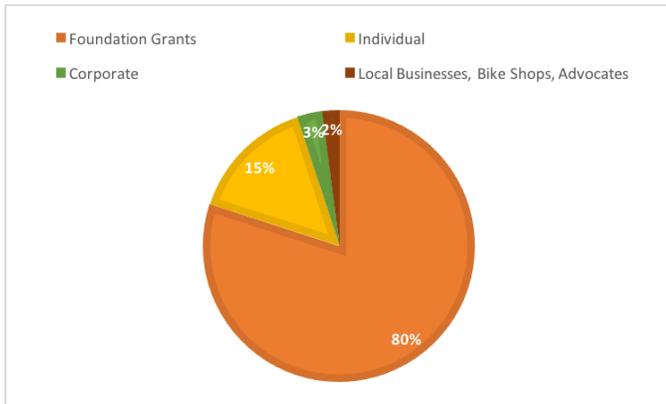
U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy issued the first Call to Action of his appointment to support walking and walkable communities. This heightens awareness of the need to increase access for safe and convenient places for people to walk. IWBA conducted media outreach in Idaho to inform residents of this important policy action. (PHOTO OF WALK TO WORK DAY APRIL 2015)



Income: \$94,849

2015 FINANCIALS

Expenses: \$93,065



THANK YOU for your gifts in support of the walking and biking movement! YOU make possible the work we do to ensure that active transportation is healthy, safe and reliable for all Idahoans.



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Your generous support helps improve safety for everyone who walks or bikes throughout the state **AND** makes real change possible. **WE THANK YOU!**

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In 2015, beloved member Dr. Robert Carlson passed. We honor his passion for safe streets for walkers and bikers.



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2015 CONTINUED

Our **Moving Idaho Forward** partnership with Idaho Smart Growth and Conservation Voters for Idaho grew ever stronger. We increased efforts to act as an expert resource for Idaho communities seeking to improve safety and connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists. Together we succeeded in helping the City of Blackfoot add bike lanes on U.S. Highway 91. *(PHOTO OF NEW BIKE LANE ON US91)*

Thanks to IWBA and our partners' assistance, the town of Cascade will also be safer and more mobile for everyone. After conducting a walk audit with the Cascade Mobility Team, we participated in the public process to develop Cascade's Capital Improvement Plan. This plan prioritizes bicycle and pedestrian projects to enhance economic development. New Mobility West provided technical assistance and Vitruvian Planning wrote the Plan.

IWBA participated on the Transportation and Infrastructure team for a Community Review in Fairfield. This is a collaboration of federal, state, local and private entities to help communities bolster plans to execute economic development strategies. We recommended improving connectivity and adding more facilities such as showers for bicycle tourists, which the town plans to do.

In a setback for local Idaho communities, we were unable to defeat Senate Bill 1044, which removed cities' ability to use eminent domain to procure land for walking or biking trails and pathways. In our opinion, we believe this legislation is discriminatory and wrested power away from local officials to control their jurisdictions. We had defeated this bill two years prior.

In celebration of International Walk to School Day on October 7, IWBA joined with students, parents and staff of The Children's School, and adults and children from around the world, to walk or bike to school (PHOTO ON RIGHT). School Principal Cindy Finch and State Representative Melissa Wintrow also participated in the annual event that started at Memorial Park and Camel's Back Park.



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