

# Walking in Minnesota

## Surface Transportation Policy Project, 2003

- **Percentage of commutes done on foot** **3.3%**  
*United States Census, 2000*
- **Percentage of federal transportation funds spent on pedestrian/bicycle facilities** **1.7%**  
*Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration Databases, FY 1998 – 2001*
- **Percentage of adult population considered obese** **20%**  
*Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System 2002*
- **Percentage of all trips under a half mile that are made in a vehicle** **57%**  
*US Department of Transportation, National Household Travel Survey 2001*
- **Average amount of time spent in a car per day** **68 min**  
*US Department of Transportation, National Household Travel Survey 2001*

### Highlights from STPP's National Poll:

#### American's Attitudes Towards Walking and Creating More Walkable Communities

- **Americans want to walk more** **55%**  
Percent who would prefer to walk more, rather than drive, to get to specific places or for exercise
- **Americans want streets designed for slower traffic** **84%**  
Percent who said they strongly/somewhat favor using part of the transportation budget to design streets with sidewalks and safe crossings to reduce speeding even if it means driving more slowly
- **Americans want their children to be able to walk to school safely** **74%**  
Percent who said they strongly/somewhat favor using part of the transportation budget to create more sidewalks and stop signs to make it safe for kids to walk to school
- **Americans support investing in transit** **59%**  
Percent who would strongly/somewhat favor using part of state transportation budget for improvements in public transportation, even if this means less money to build new highways
- **Americans support innovative solutions to congestion** **66%**  
Percent who chose public transport or walkable communities, rather than new roads, as the best long-term solution to congestion

**What is the best long term solution to traffic congestion?**

