# Economics of Bicycling in Minnesota MCRSA CONFERENCE, JUNE 2018



## **TODAY'S GOALS**

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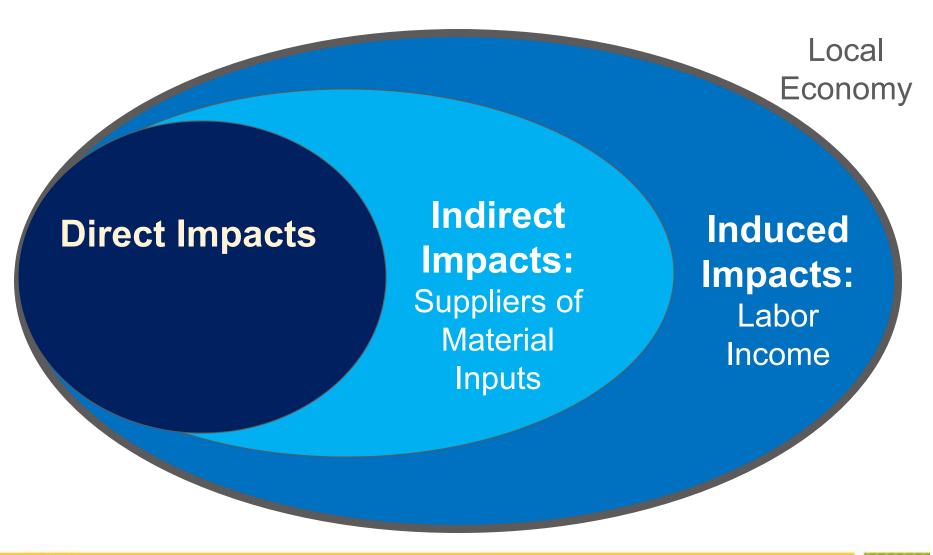
Highlight approaches to data collection

Showcase value of collaboration

## **PROJECT BACKGROUND**



## **ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS**



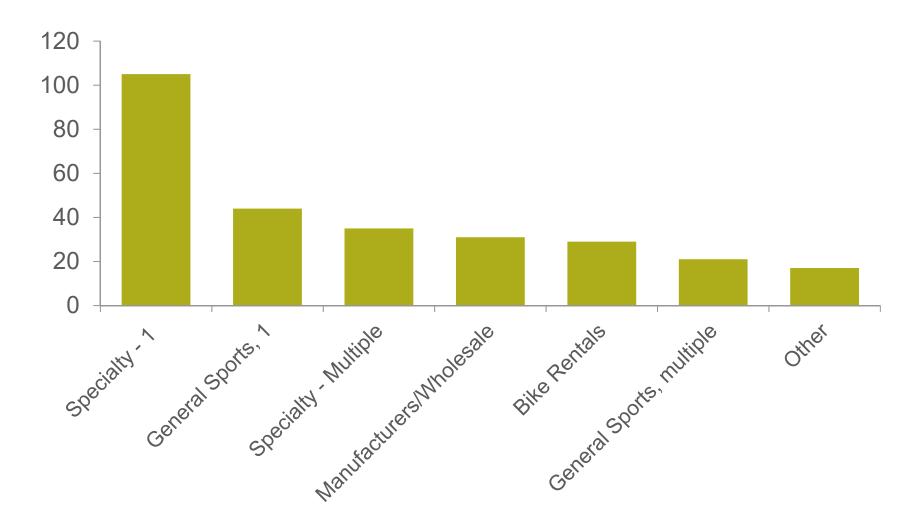
## ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION Bicycle Industry

### **THREE PARTS**

- Retailers
- Wholesalers and manufacturers
- Advocacy groups



## **282 BUSINESSES**



## TO SURVEY, OR NOT TO SURVEY?

#### **SURVEY**

### Response rate

Overall = 22%

Highest = 62% (multiple locations)

Lowest = 17% (mom and pop)

#### DIRECT EFFECT OF SPECIALTY BIKE

\$66.8 million – sales \$477,000 per shop

## 1,480 – employees 10 per shop

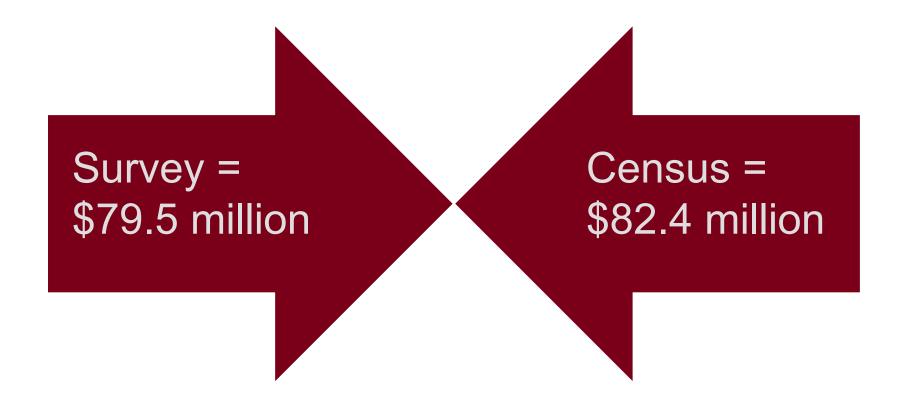


**\$27.2 – labor income \$195,000 per shop** 

## **NOT TO SURVEY**

Economic Census – Product Line data

## DO THEY CONVERGE?



#### **KEY THEMES**

- Passion
  - Driving behavior change
- Retail trends and marketplace
  - Competition
  - The Fat Tire Bike
- Critical firms
  - Quality Bike Products and Park Tool

#### **TOTAL IMPACT**

\$779.9 million economic activity

5,500 jobs



\$208.8 million in labor income

## ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION Bicycle Events

## **100 EVENTS IN MINNESOTA**

- \*Non-races
- \*High School races
- \*Mountain biking
- \*Bicycle races
- \*Bicycle tours
- \*Fundraisers



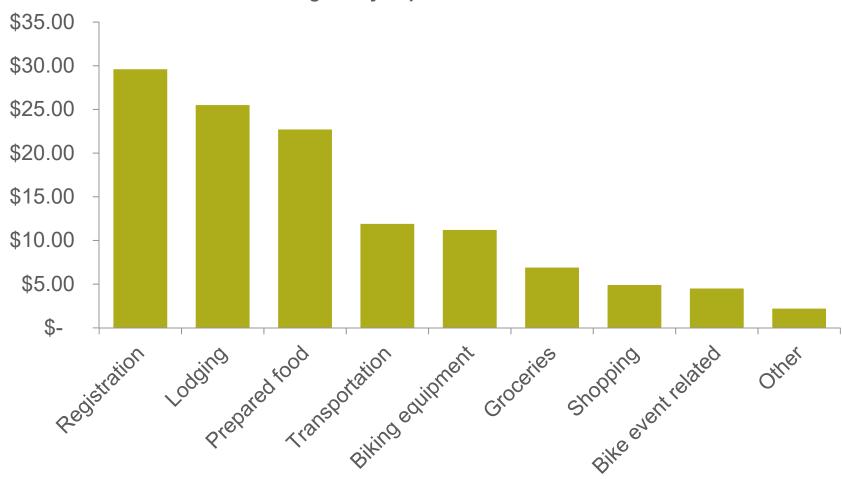
## **SURVEYS**



## DO THEY SPEND \$\$\$\$?

\$121.20 per person/day

**Average Daily Expenditure Per Visitor** 



## **COUNTING VISITORS**







### **TOTAL IMPACT**

\$14.3 million economic activity

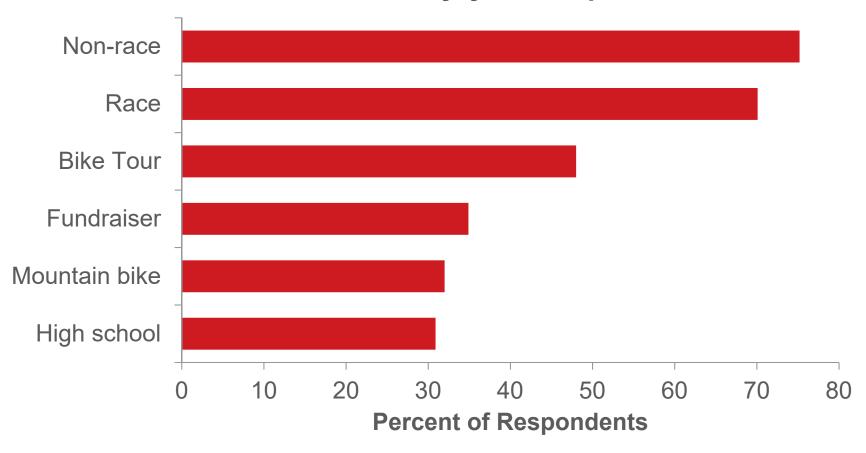
**150** jobs



\$4.6 million in labor income

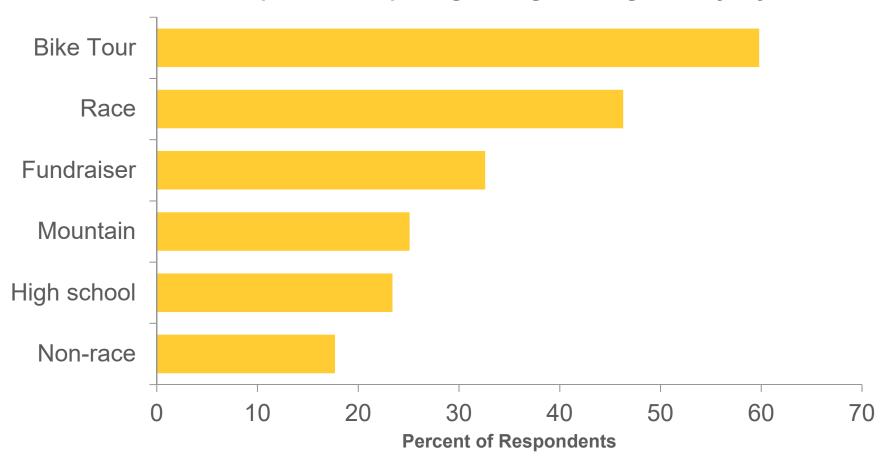
## **HOW IMPORTANT IS SCENERY?**

#### Scenic Route as Most Enjoyable Aspect of Event



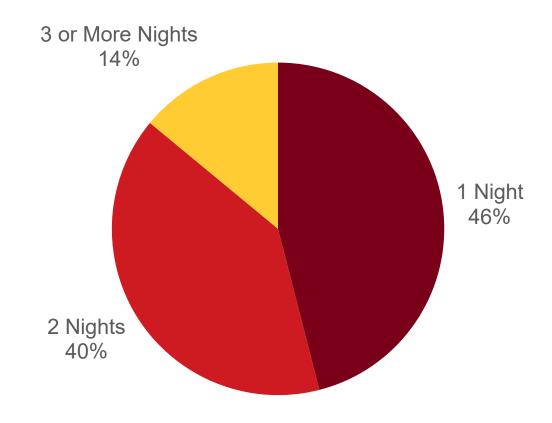
## **DO THEY VISIT BYWAYS?**

#### **Percent of Respondents Reporting Driving on Designated Byways**



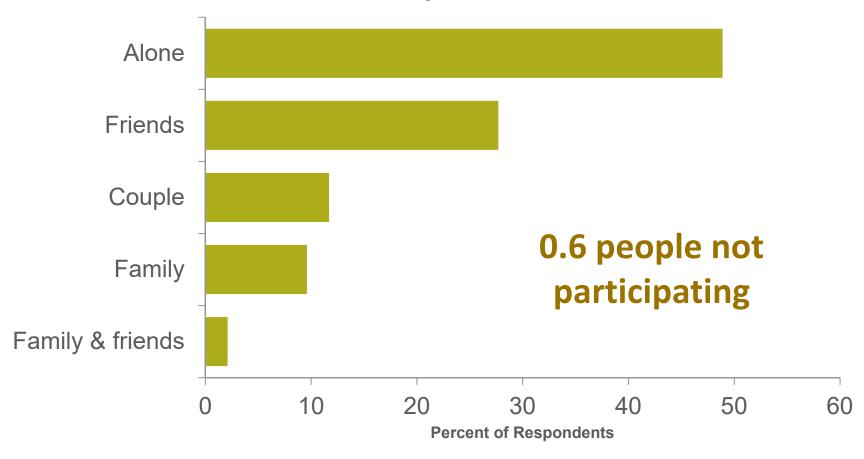
## **DO THEY STAY?**

#### **Average Number of Nights Stayed, Non-Races/Rides**



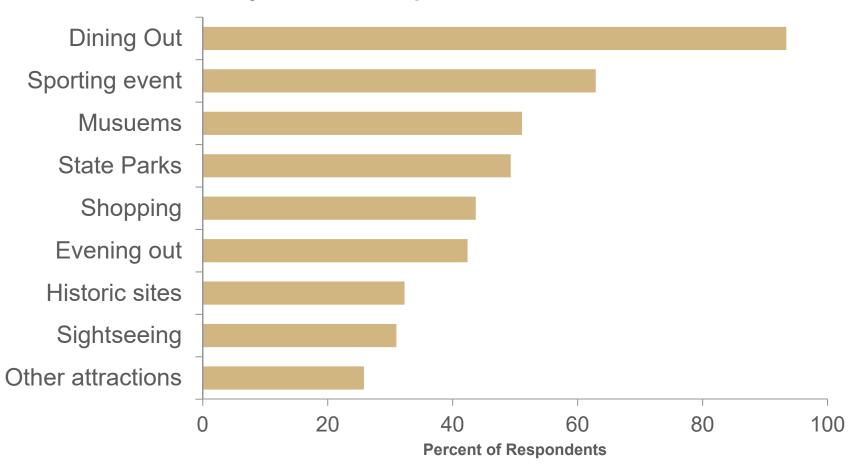
### **HOW MANY PEOPLE COME?**



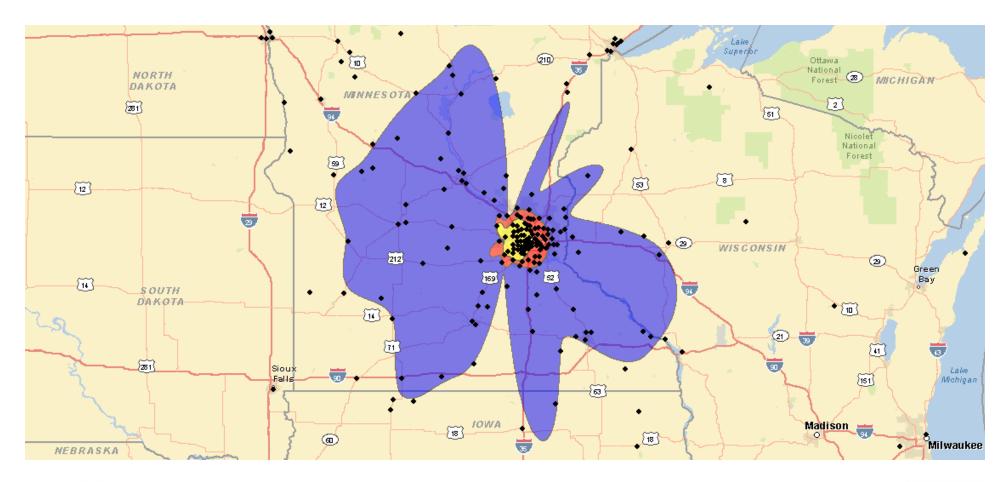


## WHAT DO THEY DO?

#### **Bicycle Tour Participants, Other Activities**



## WHERE DO THEY COME FROM?



## HEALTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE Bicycling in Minnesota

## **QUESTIONS?**



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