

# Active Transportation Working Group

April 12, 2016



# Agenda

- Cycle 3 Regional Guidelines
- Go Human Update – Events
- Go Human Update – Toolkits and Trainings
- Health and Economic Impact Study  
Preliminary Results
- Active Transportation Leadership  
Symposium
- Regional Updates

# 2017 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines

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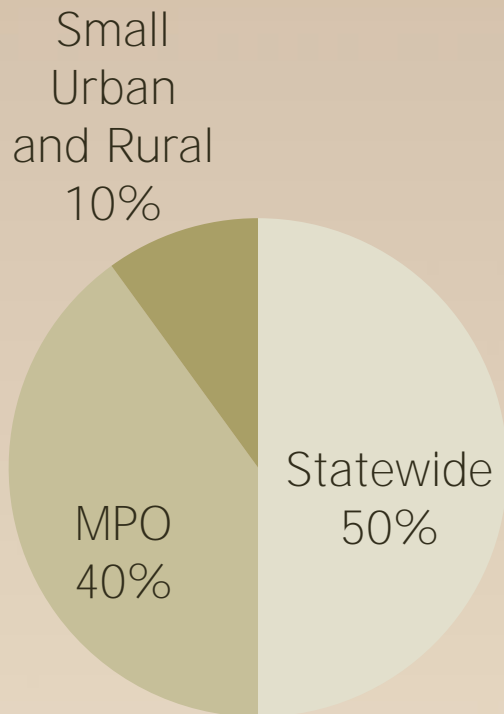
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Active Transportation & Special  
Programs



# Active Transportation Program

- 3 Funding Programs
- Cycle 3 total funds = ~\$240 M
- Funding Breakdown:



## *SCAG Regional Program*

- \$50 million
- Fiscal Years 2019-2020, 2020-2021

# Active Transportation Program Goals

- Increase trips by biking and walking.
- Increase the safety
- Achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals
- Enhance public health
- Ensure disadvantaged communities fully share in benefits
- Provide a broad spectrum of projects

# Eligible Projects



Planning

Community-wide plans that benefit disadvantaged communities



Non-Infrastructure

Education  
Encouragement  
Enforcement



Infrastructure

Bike Lanes  
Cycle Tracks  
Crosswalks  
Etc...

# Cycle 1, 2 Approach



- SCAG deferred to state application and evaluation process
  - 1 application for all categories
- No Supplemental Call
- Population-based funding targets
- County Transportation Commissions supplemented state scores
- 3-5% Set Aside for Planning Projects

# Cycle 3: Key Issues

- Alignment of process with regional and countywide plans
- Application complexity
- **“One-size-fits all” application**
- **50%+ SCAG jurisdictions don’t have plans**
- Significant Delay in Funding Availability (July 2019)



# Alternative Approach

- Use CTC application/project selection for Capital Projects (No change from Cycle 1,2)
- Issue Supplemental Call for Projects for **“Planning” and “Non-infrastructure” projects**
- Make supplemental applications simple to encourage greater participation
- Incorporate population-based funding targets
- < 10% funds Planning and Non-Infrastructure
- Explore opportunities to supplement Planning funds to expand eligibility to all communities

# Complementary Activities

## Legislative Proposal

- Project sponsors may initiate project in advance of programming year
- Seek reimbursement after allocation

## Sustainability Call for Projects

- Exploring synergies between programs

# Guideline Development Process

- Statewide Guidelines Approved – March 17
- Outreach – April
  - County Transportation Committee Working Group
  - TC update
  - Active Transportation Working Group
  - Technical Working Group
- Staff Recommendation to RC – May 5
- County Transportation Commission CEO approval—May
- RC Approval – June 2
- California Transp Commission adoption – June

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# Open Streets & Demonstration Projects



- Re-imagine streets for walking and biking
- 17 cities selected to host events



# Updated Schedule



## Upcoming Events!

- City of Palm Desert - May 7, 2016
- City of Los Angeles- Southeast Cities CicLAvia May 15, 2016
- City of Westminster - May 21, 2016
- City of Fontana – July 30, 2016

## Phase 2 October 2016 (Walktober):

- City of Riverside
- City of Rialto
- OC Loop
- City of Brea
- City of Garden Grove
- City of Cudahy
- City of Long Beach

## Phase 3 May 2017 (Bike Month):

- City of Fullerton
- City of Rancho Cucamonga

# Nuestra Avenida: Cesar Chavez Re-Imagined





# Open Streets & Demonstration Projects



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# Get Involved!



# More information:



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## Targeted Toolkits & Training

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# Overview



- Project Update
- Go Human Toolbox
  - Approach and Framework
  - Elected Officials Toolkit
  - Case Studies Request
  - Next Steps
- Toolkits Training
  - Approach
  - Upcoming Survey
- Q & A



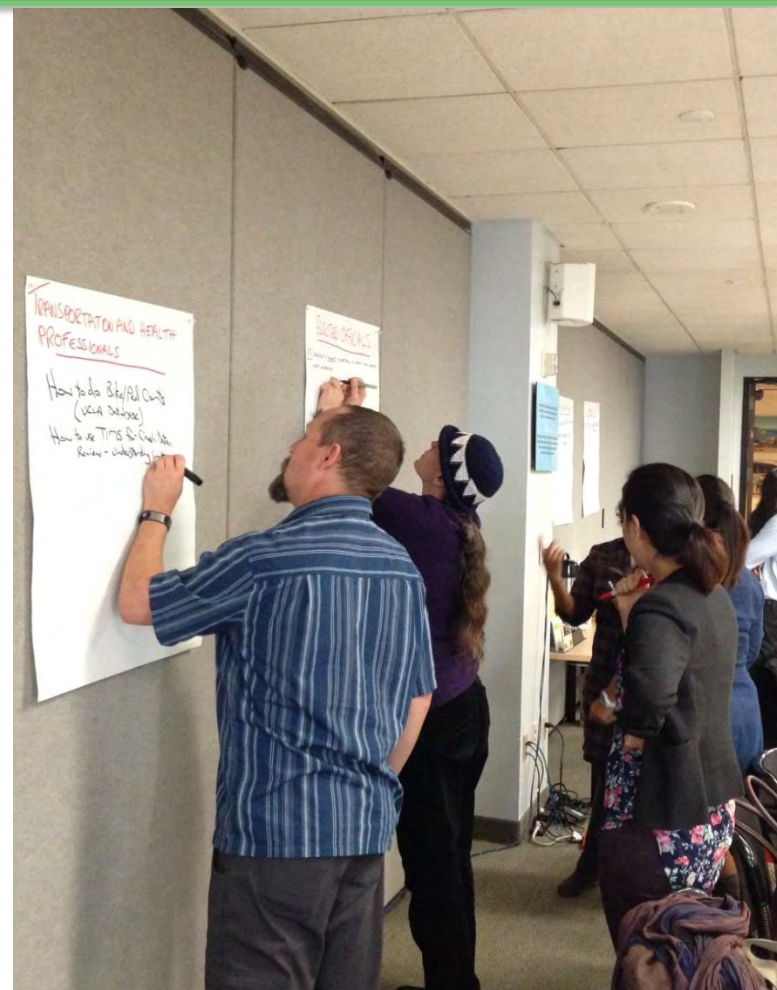
# Project Summary: Refresher

- **Purpose:** create and empower local champions to lead education and encouragement programs in their communities
- **Approach:** identify strategies, messaging and resources to enable that leadership
- **Deliverables:** a toolkit and training sessions for each of the four target audiences



# Project Update

- Completed literature review and research for materials and resources
- Completed four User Group Panels for each audience: Elected Officials, Professionals, Community Groups, and Workplaces
- Completed a workshop for transportation and health advocacy groups
- Developed a 'Toolbox' framework and narrative for each audience-specific toolkit
- Completed first draft of Elected Officials Toolkit





# Project Update: Schedule



# Go Human Toolkit: Approach



- Key Toolbox themes:
  - Why is active transportation important?
  - What is Go Human?
  - What is the purpose of the Toolbox?
  - What is in the Toolbox?

# Go Human Toolkit: Narratives

- Elected Officials
  - Increasing quality of life through active transportation
- Professionals
  - Information is the key to successful projects
- Community Groups
  - Active communities increase livability
- Workplaces
  - The business case for healthy companies

# Elected Officials Toolkit



- Toolkit resources:
  - Making the Case for Active Transportation
  - The Mayor's Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets
  - Quick Facts and Figures
  - Active Transportation FAQ
  - Best Practices: Bike Friendly Long Beach, Santa Ana Partnerships for Funding, SGV Bike Master Plan, NYC Streets for Seniors.



# Case Studies

- Seeking a few more best practice case studies, specifically:
  - Complete streets application within circulation element (and project implementation if possible)
  - Law enforcement partnership to promote walk/bike safety
  - Infrastructure project where the media was used to successfully raise awareness and positive sentiment in the community
  - Smaller employer (25-100 staff) commuter program
  - Case studies from Ventura, San Bernardino and Imperial Counties



# Next Steps



**Completing the draft toolkits and graphic design (Apr-May)**

**Seeking toolkit feedback and training input via a survey and User Panel (Apr-May)**

**Delivering Elected Officials training (May 4) and planning other trainings (May-Jun)**

# Toolkits Training: Approach

- Deliver one in-person training in each County across Professionals, Community Groups, and Workplaces audiences (x6 total)
- Deliver up to four remote training sessions (potentially webinar) on specific topics such as creating effective partnerships, using data, effective engagement, or open streets events.
- Look for opportunities to partner with existing events (e.g. tactical urbanism or Great Streets events, conferences, regional meetings)

# Questions?

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# Questions for the Working Group

- Do you have any comments or concerns with the audience-specific narratives?
- Do you have any suggestions for additional case studies
  - Re: Complete streets, law enforcement partnership, media engagement, smaller employer commuter program
  - Case studies from Ventura, San Bernardino and Imperial Counties
- Do you have any comments regarding the approach to training?
  - Combined training in each County, separate training region-wide
- Do you have any suggestions for events we could partner training with?

# Active Transportation Health and Economic Impact Study

Contract No. 15-018-C1

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## Preliminary Results Prepared for SCAG – Active Transportation Working Group

Dr. Nicole Iroz-Elardo, Project Manager

Urban Design 4 Health

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# Goal

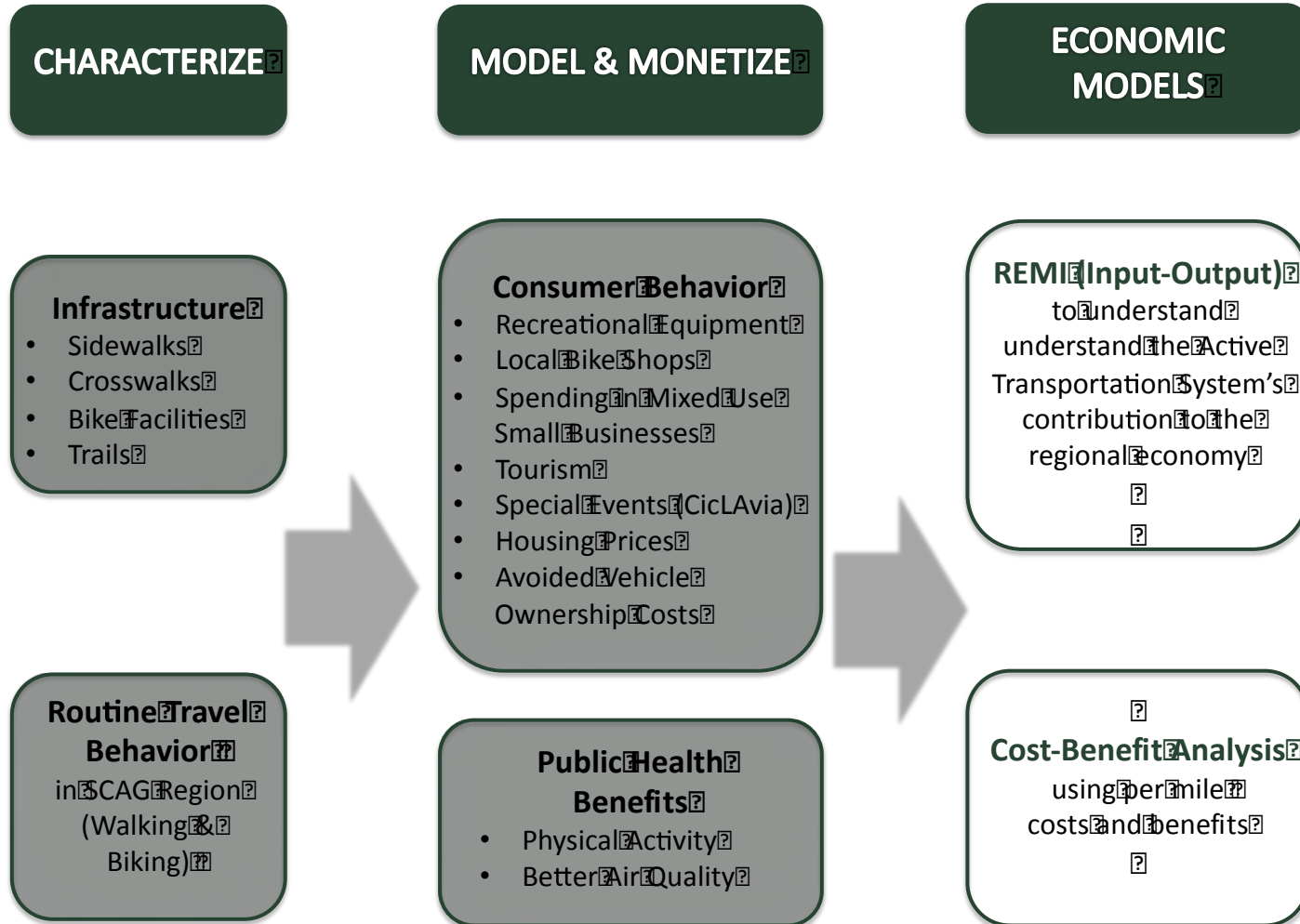
Goal: **Estimate current annual** public health, transportation and economic **costs and benefits of bicycling and walking** on the SCAG region's economy

## Key Elements:

- Build from evidence and best practices
- Use local data when available
- Identify appropriate non-local data when needed
- Develop a study process for use by local partners
- Monetize previously modeled health benefits of RTP/SCS

Timeline: Summer 2015 – May 2016

# Conceptual Model



# Status

- Task 1: Project Management
- Task 2: Public Outreach
- Task 3: Data Collection & Approach
- **Task 4: Transportation Cost Analysis**
  - *finalizing*
- **Task 5: Health Benefits**
  - *5a: Monetizing Active Transportation infrastructure – finalizing*
  - *5b: Draft RTP/SCS – finished*
- **Task 6: Economic Benefits**
  - *Run through REMI – in process*
- Task 7: Final Report

# Understanding Cost of Illness (COI)

# Task 5: Cost of Illness – What is it?

## Type

### ➤ Direct

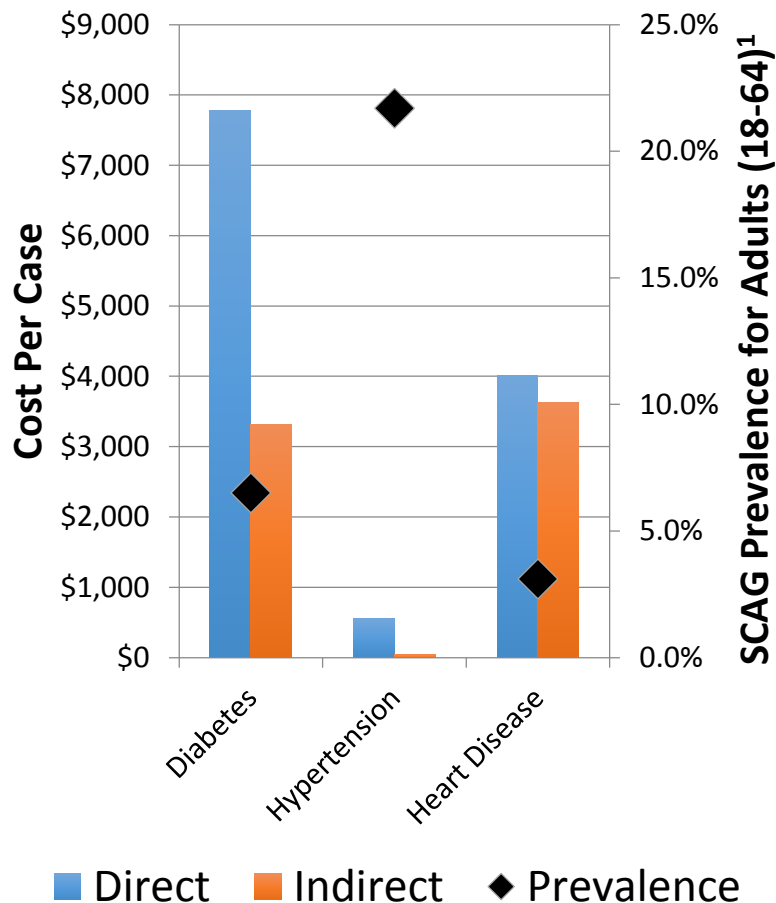
## Description

- Money exchanged for healthcare (doctor visits & hospitals) and pharmaceuticals

### ➤ Indirect

- Absenteeism, reduced productivity, early disability
- In some studies, early death
- Does NOT include pain and suffering

# Task 5: Annual Cost of Illness



| Health Outcome | Per Case (2011\$)      |                        |
|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|                | Direct                 | Indirect               |
| Diabetes       | \$7,774 <sup>2,4</sup> | \$3,311 <sup>2,4</sup> |
| Hypertension   | \$551 <sup>3</sup>     | \$44 <sup>3</sup>      |
| Heart Disease  | \$4,005 <sup>3</sup>   | \$3,633 <sup>3</sup>   |

<sup>1</sup> 2012 California Health Interview Survey – Combined results for Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties; Counts as reported by California Health Interview Survey with a reported 11,660,000 adults ages 18-64.

<sup>2</sup> American Diabetes Association (2013)

<sup>3</sup> Mozaffarian et al (2015). Note hypertension was limited to cases without other types of heart disease, and is therefore additive with minimal double counting.

<sup>4</sup> California specific estimate



# Task 5: Calculating Annual Regional Cost

(# of cases) x COI = SCAG Annual Cost

## Example: Diabetes

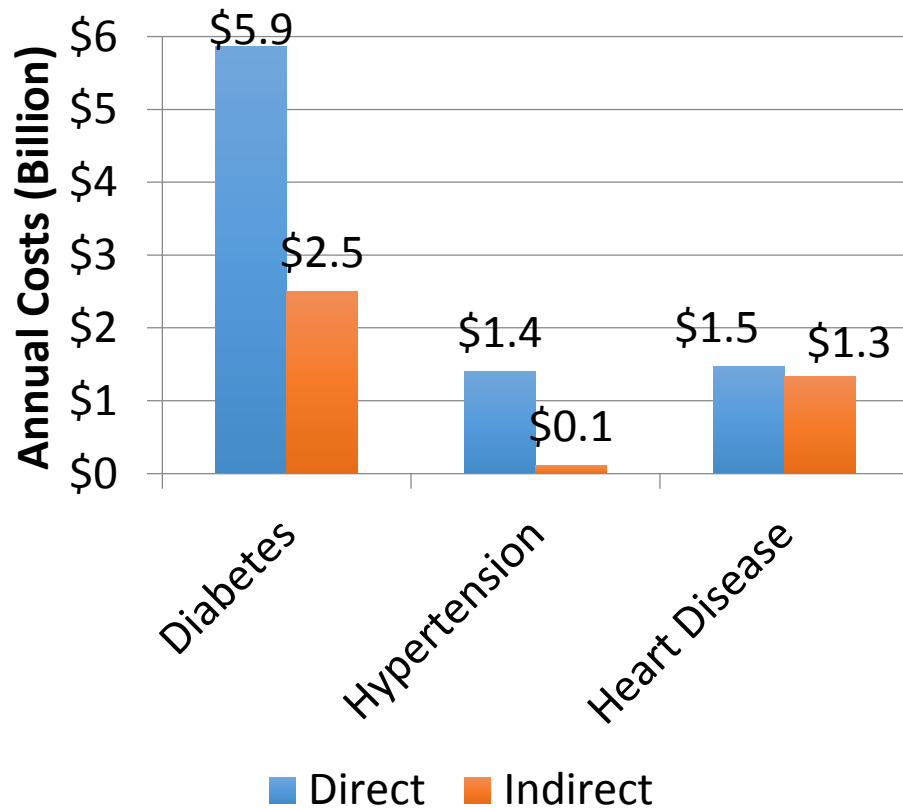
6.5% Prevalence (18-64 years) = 754,000 cases

Direct: 754,000 x \$7774 = \$5.861 billion

Indirect: 754,000 x \$3,311 = \$2.497 billion

**Total: = \$8.358 billion**

# Task 5: What is the current annual economic drag on SCAG's economy from ill 18-64 year olds?



## Total Annual Regional Costs (18-64 Year Olds)

Direct: \$10.4 billion

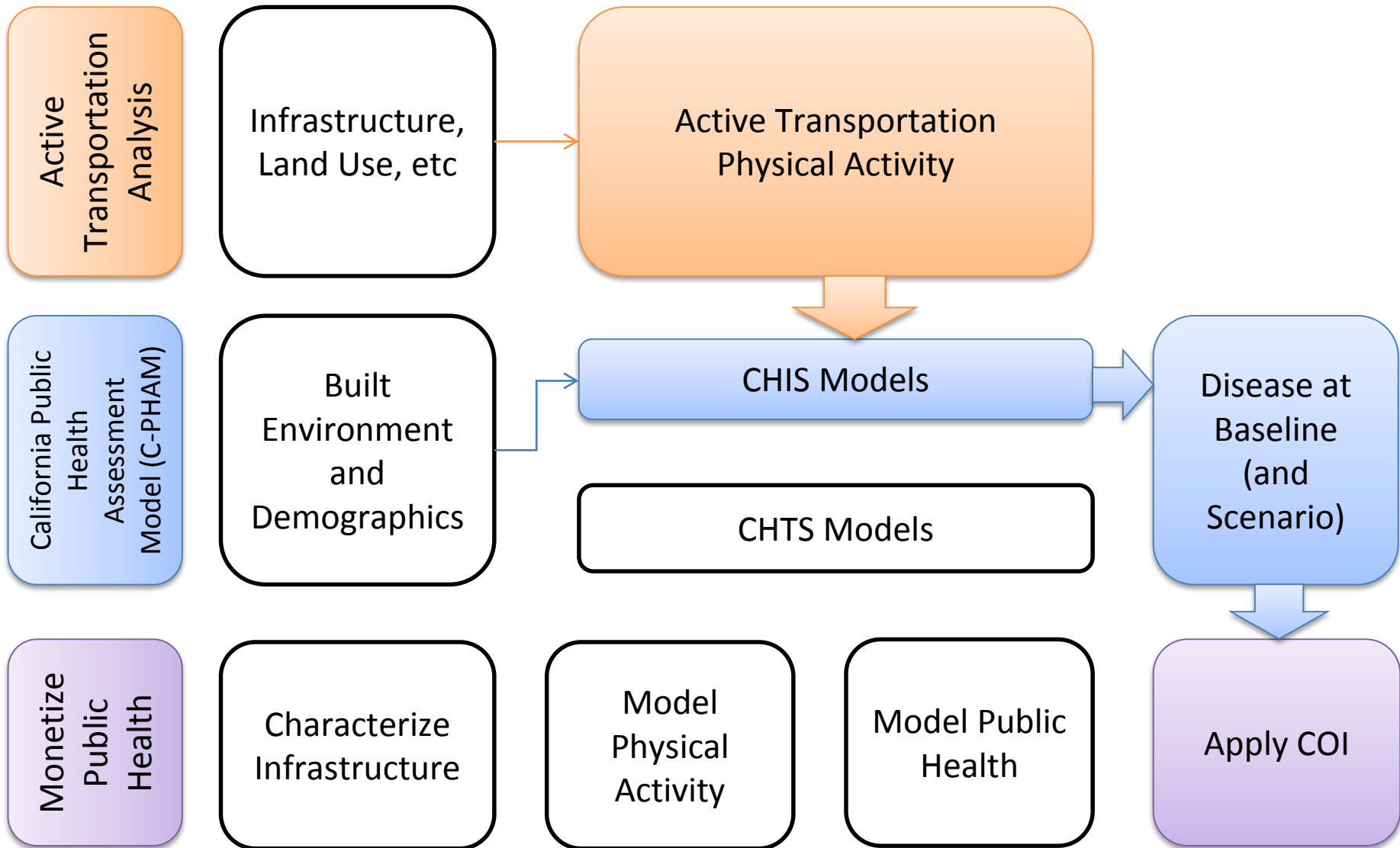
Indirect: \$.8 billion

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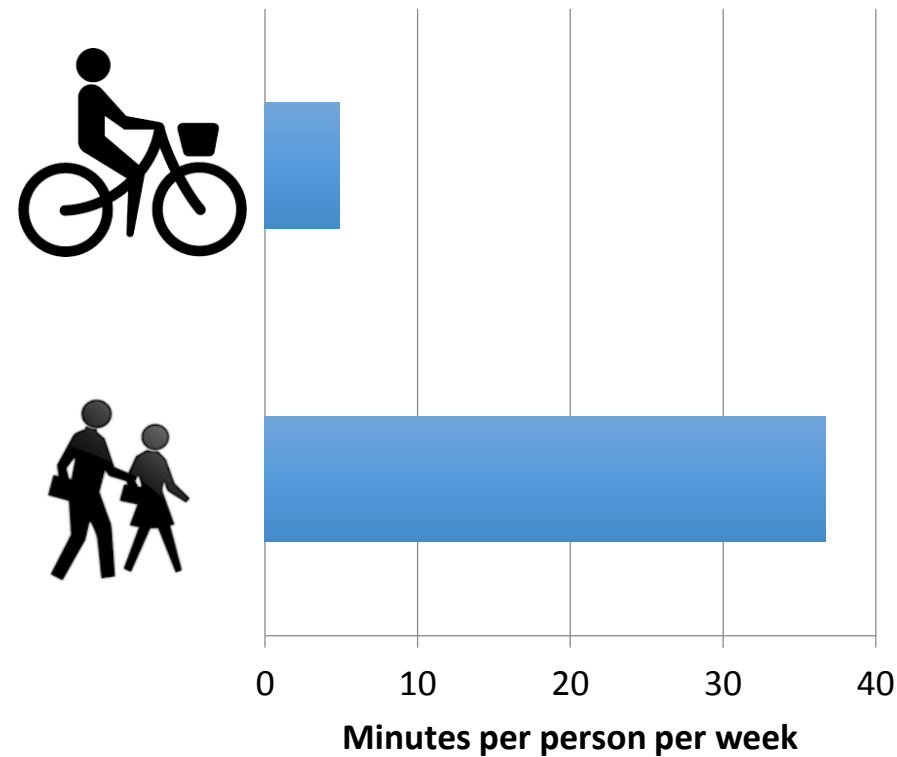
**Total: \$12.7 billion**

Example #1:  
Monetizing Active Transportation  
Infrastructure

What are the economic benefits from physical activity due to our current active transportation network?



# Task 5: Current Levels of Active Travel



| % of Active Travel Min Attributable to Infrastructure | Minutes per person per week from |                      |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------|
|   | Walk for Travel                  | Biking (Moderate PA) |
| 0%  | -                                | -                    |
| 25%   | 9.18                             | 1.22                 |
| 40%   | 14.69                            | 1.95                 |
| 50%   | 18.36                            | 2.44                 |
| 60%   | 22.04                            | 2.92                 |
| 75%   | 27.55                            | 3.65                 |
| 100%  | 36.73                            | 4.87                 |

# Task 5: Physical Activity Benefit of Active Transportation Infrastructure

| % of Active Travel Minutes Attributable to Infrastructure | Difference in Prevalence |                      |                 |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
|   | Hypertension (21.7%)     | Heart Disease (3.1%) | Diabetes (6.5%) |
| 0%  | -                        | -                    | -               |
| 25%   | 0.25%                    | 0.03%                | 0.06%           |
| 40%   | 0.44%                    | 0.04%                | 0.10%           |
| 50%   | 0.60%                    | 0.06%                | 0.14%           |
| 60%   | 0.80%                    | 0.08%                | 0.18%           |
| 75%   | 1.21%                    | 0.12%                | 0.28%           |
| 100%  | 4.71%                    | 0.48%                | 1.18%           |

# Task 5: Annual Monetized Physical Activity Benefit of Active Transportation Infrastructure

SCAG Region Health Benefits (millions, 2011\$) for Adults, ages 18+

|               | Direct<br>(Avoided<br>Healthcare<br>Expenditures) | Indirect<br>(Avoided Lost<br>Productivity) | Total        |
|---------------|---|--|--------------|
| Diabetes      | \$149   | \$631                                      | \$212        |
| Hypertension  | \$46  | \$4  | \$50         |
| Heart Disease | \$34  | \$31                                       | \$64         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$228</b>                                      | <b>\$98</b>                                | <b>\$326</b> |

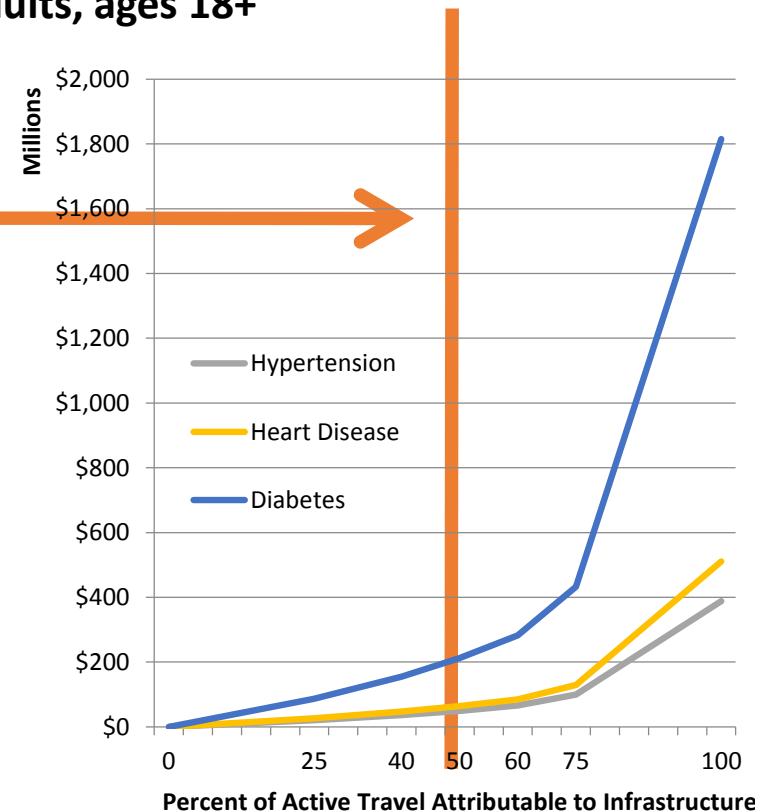


Table assumes that the last 50% of active travel minutes is attributable to infrastructure. Graph shows differences as that attributable to infrastructure assumption changes.

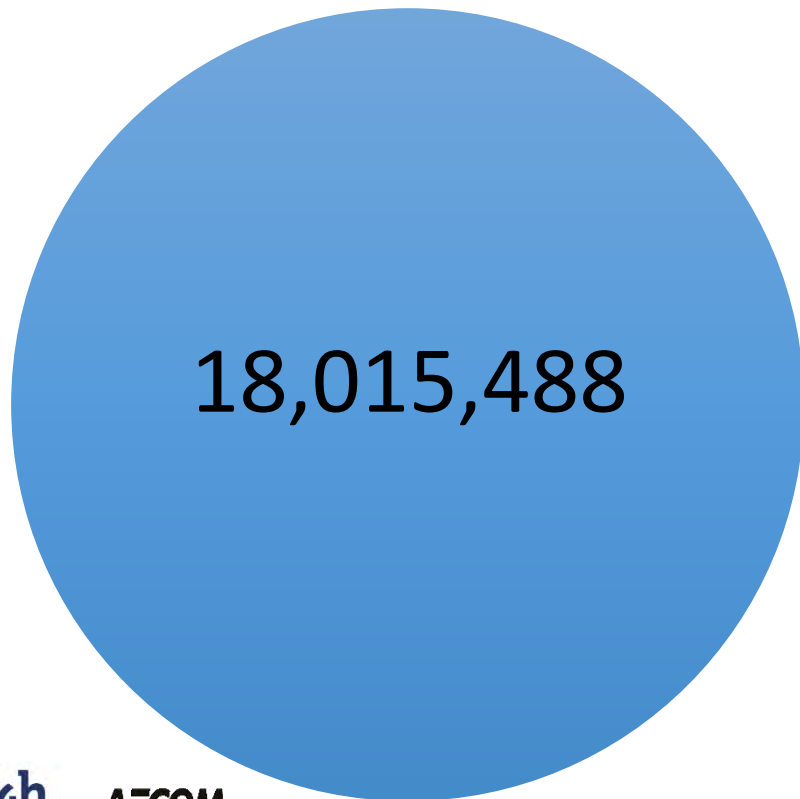


Example #2:

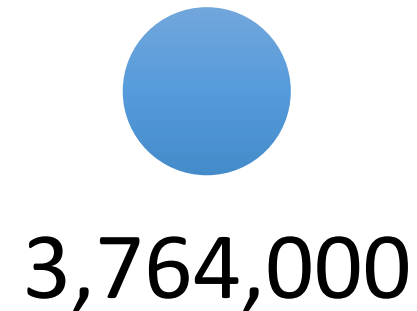
Monetizing Physical Activity from  
Implementing SCAG's 2016 RTP/SCS

# Task 5: Initial Physical Activity Estimate for the 2016 RTP/SCS Outcomes

**Existing Population**

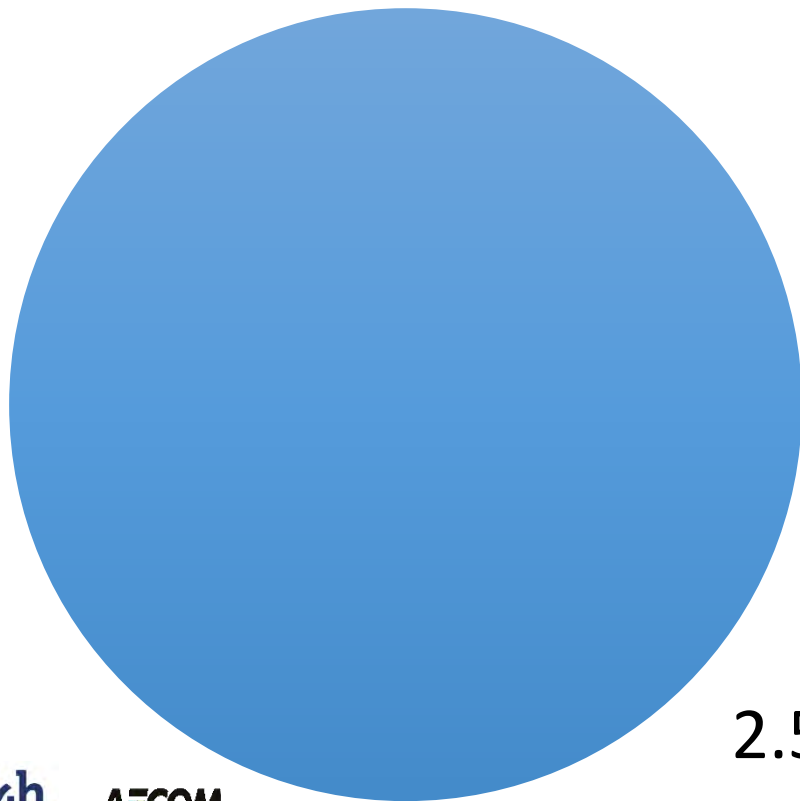


**New  
Population**

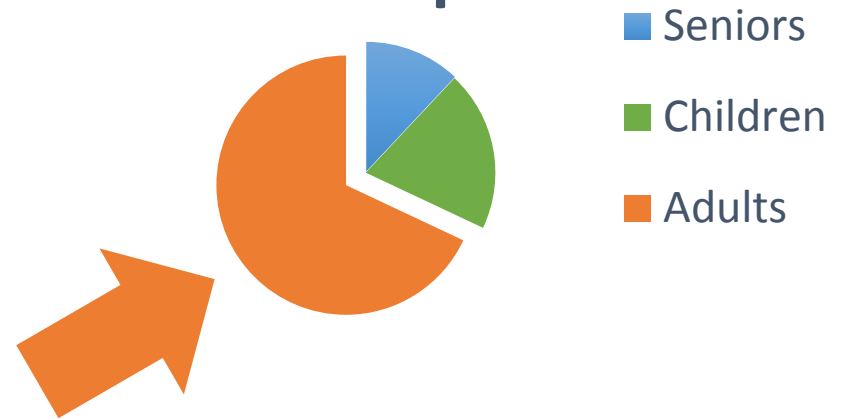


# Task 5: Population Included

## Existing Population

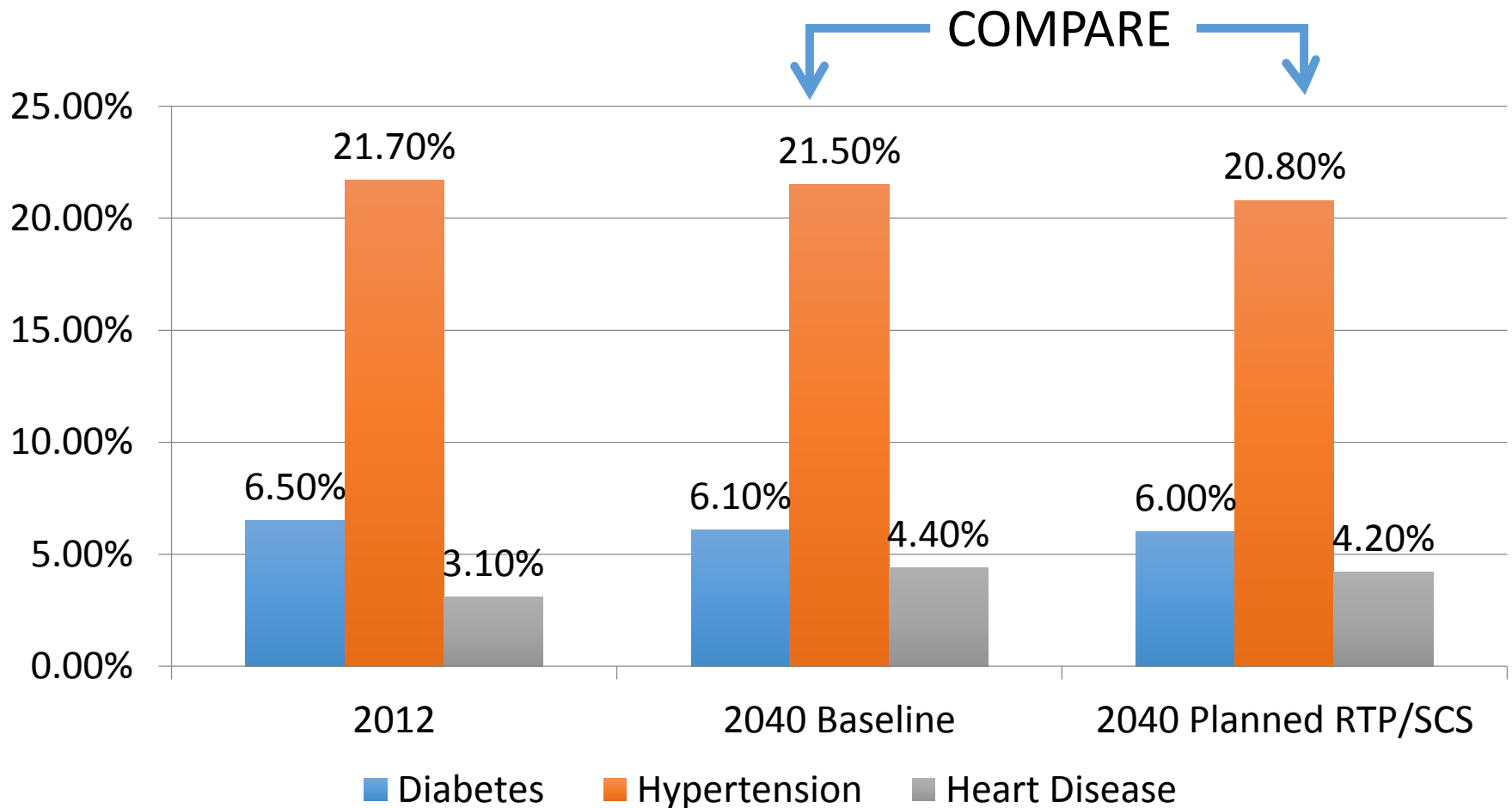


## New Population



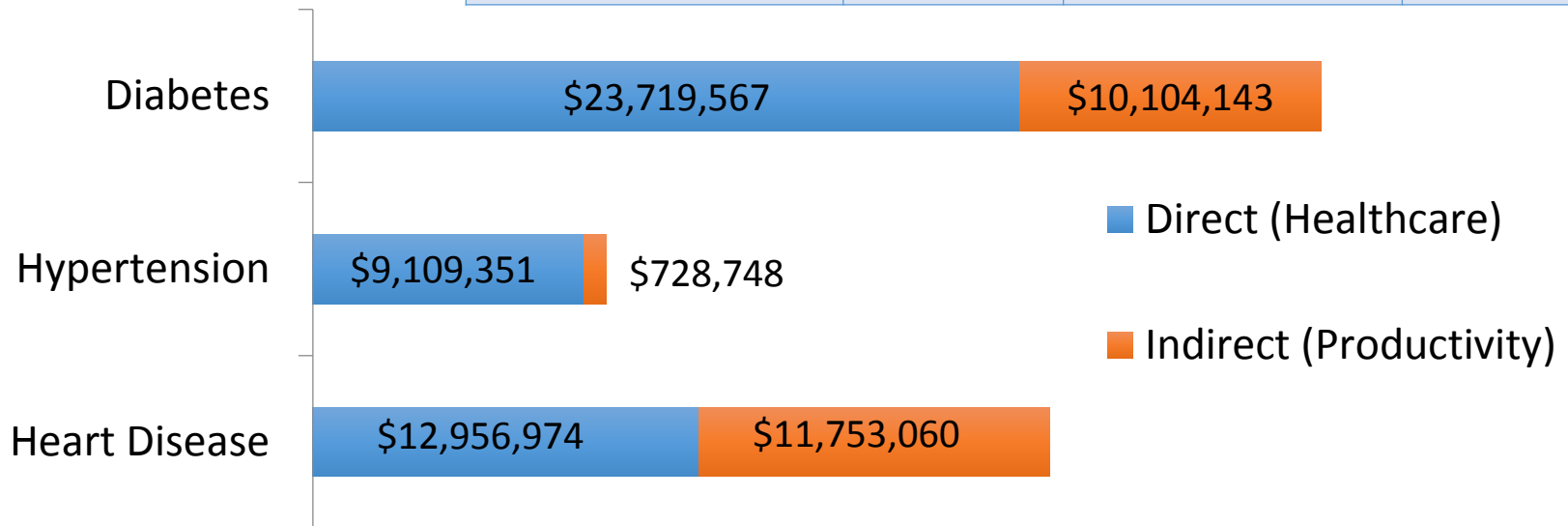
2.56 million adults  
ages 18-64

# Task 5: Predicting 2040 Prevalence Rates



# Task 5: Annual Expected Physical Activity Savings in 2040 from Implementing the Plan

| Health Outcome       | Avoided Cases | Annual Savings at Full Implementation |                |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
|                      |               | Total (Direct + Indirect)             | Per Capita     |
| <i>Diabetes</i>      | 3,051         | \$33,823,709                          | \$13.22        |
| <i>Hypertension</i>  | 16,525        | \$9,838,099                           | \$3.85         |
| <i>Heart Disease</i> | 3,235         | \$24,710,034                          | \$9.66         |
| <b>Total</b>         |               | <b>\$65,370,700</b>                   | <b>\$25.56</b> |



# Task 5: Summary

- This is just the physical activity healthcare portion of active transportation
- Active Transportation is a good deal
  - ~ \$326 million annually in current health benefits of AT system
  - ~\$400-500 million annually in current AT system spending
  - ~ 2016 RTP/SCS AT will result in nearly an additional \$1 billion in savings over the lifetime of the plan
- These are conservative estimates
  - Assumption about infrastructure minutes being last AT minutes added
  - Not capturing stroke, cancer and other morbidities
  - Only applied to the new residents of the SCAG region, existing residents will also benefit
  - Only applied to the adult population

# Task 5: Next Steps

- Also looking at
  - Events
  - Consumer savings
  - Induced demand (consumption, employment)
- Next steps:
  - Local Methodology
  - Final Report

- Urban Design 4 Health

- National firm specializing in interactions between land use, built environment, transportation, air quality, behavior and public health.
- Leader in the translation of evidence on built environment and health relationships into decision support tools
- [www.ud4h.com](http://www.ud4h.com)



- AECOM Technical Services

- Extensive experience modeling transportation investments, economic development, real estate, tourism and culture, and sustainable development.
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# Leadership Symposium



- Training for Elected Officials
  - How to support active transportation efforts in your city
  - Tools and resources for communicating the benefits of active transportation
- Site Visit to Palm Desert Demonstration Project



# Leadership Symposium

- May 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am  
for elected officials
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# Regional Updates

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- Have a project, plan or event you'd like to share?