

The Business Case for Bike-Friendly Workplaces

When employee wellbeing thrives, employers directly benefit—they deliver higher productivity, take fewer sick days, and have lower rates of burnout, accidents, and turnover. Yet, poor employee health can be a big challenge for employers. At the crux of the problem lies the lack of physical activity, which can lead to chronic disease and mental health issues.

Employers can **make it easier for employees to add physical activity** into their daily lives **by supporting bike commuting** through resources, tools, amenities, and benefits, which create bike-friendly workplaces.

Read on about the **business case for bike-friendly workplaces**, **scalable strategies** for supporting bike commuting, and using **free resources and tools** from Get There Oregon and partners.

What's the Return on Investment?



Engage & Grow Your Workforce

Improve retention through greater employee engagement, job satisfaction, and loyalty, while offering enticing benefits to attract new talent.



Boost Performance & Productivity

Enhance employee and operational performance to yield greater efficiency, innovation, service and product delivery, and sustainability.



Reduce Operating Costs

Save money otherwise spent on company healthcare and replacing staff, in addition to parking facilities.





- Adds physical activity into busy daily routines
- ▶ Improves physical & mental health
- Reduces stress & burnout
- Saves money on commute costs
- Provides better work experience
- ► Enhances energy, focus, & productivity



- Retains staff & attracts talent
- Increases job satisfaction, loyalty, & morale
- Raises employee & operational performance to boost productivity
- ► Lowers healthcare, turnover, & facilities costs
- Improves sustainability



How to Build Bike-Friendly Workplaces

There's **a wide range of scalable, low-to-higher cost strategies** for supporting employee bike commuting that include:



Resources & Tools

- Provide information on biking benefits, gear, route planning, maintenance, riding skills, services, and onsite amenities.
- Equip employees with route planning tools like Get There Connect and Google Maps.
- Coordinate employee bike commute planning sessions with Get There Oregon's local partners.
- Foster coworker support through information sharing and mentoring.
- ▶ Hold workshops and bike tune-up events.



Amenities

- Provide plenty of secure, convenient, and quality bike parking that's sheltered if outdoors.
- Set up a **repair area** with tools, supplies, and a work stand so employees can fix bikes, air up tires, and do tune-ups.
- Offer lockers, private changing rooms, and/or shower facilities.
- ▶ Enable employees to **charge up e-bike batteries**.



Benefits & Rewards

- ▶ Give wellness credits to buy bikes and gear.
- Provide emergency ride home options.
- Offer loaner bikes for trial use.
- Extend internal rewards and incentives.
- Take advantage of statewide challenges and local rewards programs.



"Get started by assessing your workplace's bikeability and asking employees about their needs, interests, and ideas. Make quality bike parking a top priority and then outreach to employees, especially new hires, on the ways your workplace supports their commute."



—John Landolfe,
Transportation Options
Coordinator, OHSU

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