Big data means everything or nothing

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Super Bowls are better than schools



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 Host a Super Bowl or build for the Olympics and we get fancy improvements. • Have a school and there is rarely any thought about how students will enter and exit.

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No buy in from planners, teachers, or parents

- Planners Not concerned w/ surrounding landscape.
- Teachers Most travel by car so not seen as a top priority.
- Parents Not a good time investment.

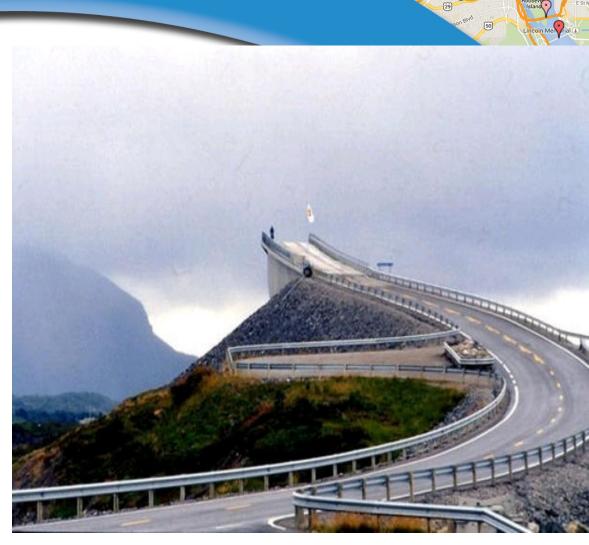






One major answer could be big data

- In 2005, Congress removed pork-barrel funding for Alaska's "bridge to nowhere."
- Tracking our movement can now show us spending \$400M for a bridge that carries less than 100 people is a bad idea.
- These used to be engineering decisions, now they are techie and regular people decisions.







We need champions, not just the public & private sectors

- All the big data in the world means nothing if it's not being turned into stories.
- Citizens, hackers, writers ... Sign them up to find ways to build interest in safe routes.







Champions are hackers



TRANSPORTATION TECHIES Transportation Techies founded 2.5 years ago.

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- Grown to 1,700 members in DC alone.
- Desire to tell stories & find trends through data.
- Replicable everywhere.

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Champions are friends & family



School Bicycling Safety in Alexandria, Virginia Gets a Look From Tech Hackers

By Randy Cole - April 13, 2015



- The first step towards getting people out of their cars means educating them about the efficiencies and the challenges to biking & walking.
- Radius Rides gather data & people then turn that into stories.

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Champions are bearers of excellent information

- TransitScreen was born in 2011 at Mobility Lab.
- Real-time travel information – and well-designed information - is crucial in public places, including schools, to get kids in the habit of practicing active transportation.



Identity First

Putting "metrobus" name and logo right at the top with the standard cost quickly tells your customer you're in the right place and this is how much

Visual Context

to provide increased context for where this busline is in the city.

Busline Shape

Continuing the context theme with a visual representation of how the bus line is shaped for people who learn visually to see where the bus line goes.

Identifying Stops

People are always asking metrobus drivers "How do I get to [name of station] Metro from here?" I've witnessed many times when drivers can't describe it easily. If they had this they wouldn't have to.

Easier to Read

Increasing the font-size of the "information anytime" section is an easy fix to make sure some of your most important information remains accessible



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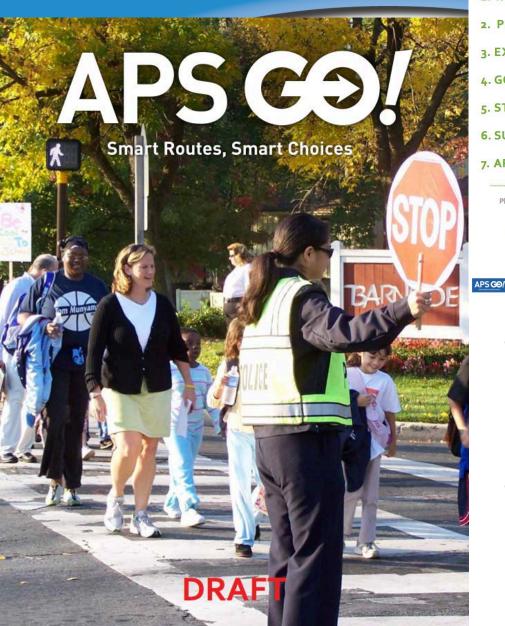
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	Plan developed by Arlington Public Schools, Department of Transportatio	n.
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Project Consultants: Toole Design Group

- Arlington County, Va.'s public schools have partnered with county workers & the transit agency on a "transportation demand management" plan for local schools.
- Take surveys and set aggressive targets.



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Data, Stories, Action

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The recent Safe Routes report "By the Numbers" highlights several excellent projects, but they are still by far the exceptions.

More of these will enlighten students, teachers, parents, planners, and influencers on the rewards of active transportation.



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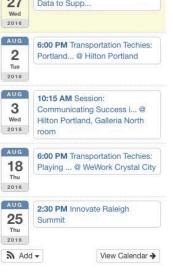
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How do we get back to a simpler time, when kids physically exerted themselves on the way to school by bicycling or walking, and in the process made themselves healthier, more attentive in class, and happier?



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