

Governor M. Jodi Rell has signed into law a bill intended to improve access for pedestrians and bicyclists by directing 1 percent of future highway and street funds to such purposes and establishing an advisory board to work with the Governor, the Department of Transportation and the Legislature in the future. Under the bill, beginning October 1, 2010, a minimum of 1 percent of the total funds received by the DOT or Connecticut municipality in any fiscal year for street and highway construction, restoration, rehabilitation or relocation must be spent to provide facilities for “all users” – including bikeways and sidewalks with curb cuts or ramps.

“Walking and bicycling are more than healthy lifestyle choices – for many Connecticut commuters, they are the way to get to work,” Governor Rell said. “We want to encourage that, not only because it’s good for personal fitness but because it removes congestion from our highways and pollutants – including greenhouse gases – from our skies.”

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