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Bicycling generates nearly $670 million in statewide economic benefits a year.

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This includes investments in highway, aviation, bus, rail, and marine programs, and over five years supports...

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$7.9 billion in personal income
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This infographic provides a summary of the economic impacts of transportation in the state of Michigan based on information gathered and produced by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). The following list provides the data sources referenced for each informational item.

- **About…$860 billion in freight moves on Michigan highways, rail lines, and ports each year.** (Source: Global Insight TRANSEARCH INSIGHT database from IHS. Truck, Rail, Water, and Airports combined, 2014).

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  - 80 percent of tourists visit Michigan by car; and they spend $18 billion here each year. (Source: Michigan Economic Development Corporation Travel Michigan, 2012 statistics).

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  - Aviation contributes over $20 billion to the state’s economy each year. (Sources: The Economic Impact of Commercial Airports, CDM Smith, 2010 - $18.6 billion in economic impact to Michigan commercial airports; Merge Global Study, 2006 - $4.1 billion in economic activity to Michigan general aviation (non-commercial); MDOT Office of Aeronautics).
  - Passenger rail generates up to $1.5 billion in economic benefits annually. (Source: Calculation made by MDOT Office of Passenger Rail. This economic benefit can be directly translated into job creation, household income, and property value increases).
  - Bus transit systems contribute $740 million yearly to the economy of their communities. (Source: Transit Benefit Model, MDOT Office of Passenger Transportation).


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  - FY 2017 – 2021 program invests nearly $10.1 billion, and estimated to generate:
    - 133,000 jobs
    - $10.5 billion in gross state product
    - $7.9 billion in real personal income