**Video - Cycle to work scheme:**

What is the purpose of the video?

Who is the video trying to address?

What is CYCLE SOLUTIONS?

What do they do?

What is their slogan?

**Listening – More Americans bike to work**

As gas prices soared this year, many Americans began leaving their cars in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and pedaling to work on bicycles.

Andy Clark, the Executive Director of the League of American Bicyclists, an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that promotes bicycling for fun, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and transportation, says that is good news for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“It doesn’t burn fossil fuel and it doesn’t create \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ emissions or pollutants and the numbers are there to back that up if people choose to ride instead of driving, there are enormous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in all those areas,” Clark said.

The benefits are most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on short trips. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, \_\_\_percent of Americans commute five miles or less to work. However, a car engine’s catalytic converter -- the device used to reduce the toxicity of emissions -- needs to \_\_\_\_\_up before it can function properly, which is why shorter car trips pump more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into the air on a per-mile basis.

“If we can move people, especially on the shorter trips, out of their cars and onto bikes, I think we’ll make a big dent in at least the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sector emissions- greenhouse gas emissions,” Eric Gilliland said.

Gilliland is the Director of the Washington Area Bicyclists Association. Each year the group \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a bike to work day to encourage people to use their bicycles. This year,\_\_\_\_\_\_ being marred by rain, the event drew large crowds, including both novice and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cyclists.

“I try to \_\_\_\_\_\_ driving. The gas prices now just kind of encourage me not to do that, not to drive.”

“All of the impacts that we would associate with car use: the pollution impacts, the climate impacts, don’t \_\_\_\_\_ to a bicycle so there’s not that kind of environmental downside,” Gary Gardner said.

Gardner is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ researcher with the environmental research organization WorldWatch Institute and has written on a broad range of sustainability issues, including bicycle use.

“Where gasoline is expensive, people drive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cars, they use public transportation more and increasingly they use bicycles,” Gardner added.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the U.S. Congress have taken note and are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this eco-friendly mode of transportation.

Minnesota Congressman James Oberstar is Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure in the U.S. House of Representatives. He is a strong proponent of bicycle use.

“We’re transforming the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, cities, counties, state governments, state highway transportation agencies are planning the roadways of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and planning for bicycle facilities in dense urban areas creating bicycle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ along with bus lanes and setting aside well marked, well \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ paths for bicycling in urban centers and between communities and establishing off-road bicycle paths”

As biking routes become more plentiful, Oberstar and others believe many more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will give up their cars and begin biking to work.