Communities Over Highways Call for Action

Endless highway expansions are pulling our country into an environmental, budgetary, and public health crisis. It’s time to end this destructive, unsustainable practice and set a responsible course toward a cleaner and more equitable future.

We, the undersigned 195 organizations, call on our elected leaders to prioritize investments in infrastructure that puts communities and people first by divesting from both current and proposed highway expansion projects across the country.

We call on our leaders in government to adopt a moratorium on expanding highways and a pause on existing projects until climate, equity, and maintenance goals are met. The highway system we have built in our country is unsustainable, both financially and environmentally, and disproportionately harms low-income and Black and brown communities. We need to remedy these problems with a responsible approach to transportation that centers on community.

Community-first infrastructure means increasing frequent, reliable, and accessible public transportation. It means investing in policies that build homes close to jobs and amenities. It means providing clean air and water and making neighborhoods healthier, quieter, and safer. It means fostering small businesses and creating places for people to gather.

Investment in community-first infrastructure impacts more than transportation; it is a solution to improve affordable housing, public health, and the climate crisis while creating hundreds of thousands of well-paying jobs.

While this moratorium is in effect, we call on our leaders in government to redirect funding for highway projects toward community-centered transportation priorities, including:

1. Fix It First: maintain existing roads and bridges before building new, larger ones.
2. Safety Over Speed: retrofit dangerous roads and streets to make them safer for people walking, biking, and driving.
3. Make Transit Work: provide capital and operations funding for reliable, affordable public transportation that connects people to jobs, services, amenities, health care, and each other.
4. Reconnect Communities: dismantle targeted highways and invest in the communities around them to increase opportunity and redress the harms these projects have inflicted.

Federal infrastructure funding must urgently be redirected into community-oriented infrastructure investments. A highway moratorium is the solution for improving public health and addressing climate, racial, and economic justice for our country.
America Walks, initiating organization

America Walks is leading the way in advancing walkable, equitable, connected, and accessible places in every community across the U.S. We are the national voice for public spaces that allow people to safely walk and move and host of the Freeway Fighters Network.

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Alliance for a Just Society  
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CatholicNetwork US  
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Center for Biological Diversity  
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Center for Progressive Reform  
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Climate and Community  
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Congress for the New Urbanism  
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Families for Safe Streets  
National

GreenLatinos  
National

Institute for Transportation and Development Policy  
National

Movemint Strategies  
National

National Organizations for Youth Safety  
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New Urban Mobility Alliance  
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NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council)  
National

Parking Reform Network  
National

Pedestrian Dignity Project  
National

PLACE Initiative  
National

Shared-Use Mobility Center  
National

Sierra Club  
National

Sunrise Movement  
National

Transit Center  
National

Transportation for America  
National

Urban Environmentalists  
National

Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection  
Tucson, Arizona

Living Streets Alliance  
Tucson, Arizona

Pinnacle Prevention  
Chandler, Arizona

Tucson Audubon Society  
Tucson, Arizona

Active San Gabriel Valley  
El Monte, California

Aztlan Athletics LLC  
South Pasadena, California

Bike Long Beach  
Long Beach, California

BikeLA  
Los Angeles, California

California Walks  
California (statewide)

Car-Lite Long Beach  
Long Beach, California

Civic Thread  
Sacramento, California

Climate Resolve  
Los Angeles, California

ClimatePlan  
California (statewide)

Day One  
Pasadena, California

Friends of Great Highway Park  
San Francisco, California
Glendale Environmental Coalition
Glendale, California
KidSafe SF
San Francisco, California
Marin County Bicycle Coalition
Marin County, California
Planning and Conservation League
Sacramento, California
Puente Latino Association Inc
Long Beach, California
Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates
Sacramento, California
Sacramento Transit Advocates and Riders (STAR)
Sacramento, California
Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition
San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, California
SPUR
San Francisco, California
Stop the 101 & 280 Widenings
San Francisco and San Mateo Counties, California
Streets For All
Los Angeles, California
Sustainable Claremont
Claremont, California
The Transit Coalition
Los Angeles, California
Transbay Coalition
Oakland, California
Walk Long Beach
Long Beach, California
Walk San Francisco
San Francisco, California
Accelerate Neighborhood Climate Action
Denver, Colorado
Call to Action Colorado
Colorado (statewide)
City of Wheat Ridge, District 2
Wheat Ridge, Colorado
Community for Sustainable Energy
Colorado (statewide)
Denver Streets Partnership
Denver, Colorado
Larimer Alliance for Health, Safety, & Environment
Larimer County, Colorado
Mayfair Park Neighborhood Association
Denver, Colorado
Mental Health & Inclusion Ministries
Colorado (statewide)
Montbello Neighborhood Improvement Association
Denver, Colorado
North Range Concerned Citizens
Commerce City, Colorado
Our Sacred Earth
Nederland, Colorado
Southwest Organization for Sustainability
Archuleta County, Colorado
Spirit of the Sun
Denver, Colorado
The Green House Connection Center
Denver, Colorado
Unite North Metro Denver
Denver, Colorado
Vibrant Littleton
Littleton, Colorado
Wheat Ridge Active Transportation Advisory Team
Wheat Ridge, Colorado
Womxn From The Mountain
Commerce City, Colorado
Fairfield Road Safety Nerds
Fairfield, Connecticut
New Haven Coalition for Active Transportation
New Haven, Connecticut
New Haven Urban Design League
New Haven, Connecticut
Safe Streets Coalition of New Haven
New Haven, Connecticut
Sustainable Streets Norwalk
Norwalk, Connecticut
Transport Hartford
Hartford, Connecticut
BLVDTampa
Tampa, Florida
Gainesville-Area Action for Environmental Justice
Gainesville, Florida

Palm Beach County Environmental Coalition
Lake Worth, Florida

SCAR of Poinciana
Poinciana, Florida

Idaho Walk Bike Alliance
Idaho (statewide)

Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT)
Chicago, Illinois

Chicago Bike Grid Now
Chicago, Illinois

Commuters Take Action
Chicago, Illinois

Equiticity
Chicago, Illinois

Metropolitan Planning Council
Chicago, Illinois

Neighbors for Environmental Justice
Chicago, Illinois

Coalition Against the Mid-States Corridor
Jasper, Indiana

Health by Design
Indiana (statewide)

Kansas Mobility Management
Salina, Kansas

North Central Kansas Coordinated Transit District
Salina, Kansas

Olathe Public Schools
Olathe, Kansas

Devou Good Foundation
Covington, Kentucky

Newport Biotechnology
Newport, Kentucky

Ride the Cov
Covington, Kentucky

Allendale Strong
Shreveport, Louisiana

Bike Easy
New Orleans, Louisiana

Claiborne Avenue Design Studio
New Orleans, Louisiana

Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance
New Orleans, Louisiana

Louisiana Four Corners Coalition for Transportation Planning Reform
Louisiana (statewide)

LivableStreets Alliance
Boston, Massachusetts

WalkMassachusetts
Massachusetts (statewide)

Detroit Greenways Coalition
Detroit, Michigan

Friends of Slow Streets
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Strong Towns Grand Rapids
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Duluth Waterfront Collective
Duluth, Minnesota

Our Streets MPLS
Minneapolis, Minnesota

AER O&M Environmental Access Committee
Sparks, Nevada

Bike Hoboken
Hoboken, New Jersey

Bike JC
Jersey City, New Jersey

Bike North Bergen
North Bergen, New Jersey

Fund for a Better Waterfront
Hoboken, New Jersey

Hudson County Complete Streets
Hudson County, New Jersey

New Jersey Future
Trenton, New Jersey

New Jersey Policy Perspective
Trenton, New Jersey

SafeStreetsJC
Jersey City, New Jersey

Albany Bicycle Coalition
Albany, New York

Albany Riverfront Collaborative
Albany, New York

Brooklyn Heights Association
Brooklyn, New York
Capital Streets  
Albany, New York
Coalition for the BQE Transformation (BQET)  
Brooklyn, New York
Covington Associates Consulting | CAC  
Buffalo, New York
East Side Collaborative Partnership  
Buffalo, New York
Hinge Neighbors Inc.  
Rochester, New York
Institute for Public Architecture  
New York City, New York
Parks & Trails New York  
New York (statewide)
Restore Our Community Coalition  
Buffalo, New York
Riders Alliance  
New York City, New York
Scajaquada Corridor Coalition  
Buffalo, New York
Syracuse Urbanism Club  
Syracuse, New York
Walkable Albany  
Albany, New York
We Are Women Warriors  
Buffalo, New York
Tri-State Transportation Campaign  
New York, New Jersey, Connecticut
Sustain Charlotte  
Charlotte, North Carolina
Bridge Forward Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, Ohio
I-475 Neighborhoods Coalition  
Toledo, Ohio
Oklahomans for Responsible Transportation  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Tulsa I-244 Removal Project  
Tulsa, Oklahoma
1000 Friends of Oregon  
Oregon (statewide)
350PDX  
Portland, Oregon
AORTA-Association of Oregon Rail and Transit Advocates  
Oregon (statewide)
Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation (BEST)  
Eugene, Oregon
Bike Loud PDX  
Portland, Oregon
Bike Walk Roseburg  
Roseburg, Oregon
Breach Collective  
Portland and Eugene, Oregon
City Observatory  
Portland, Oregon
Douglas County Global Warming Coalition  
Roseburg, Oregon
Neighbors for Clean Air  
Portland, Oregon
No More Freeways  
Portland, Oregon
OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon  
Oregon (statewide)
Oregon Environmental Council  
Oregon (statewide)
Oregon Walks  
Oregon (statewide)
Portland: Neighbors Welcome  
Portland, Oregon
Strong Towns PDX  
Portland, Oregon
Verde  
Portland, Oregon
BikePGH (Bike Pittsburgh)  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Connect Urban Erie  
Erie, Pennsylvania
Mobilify Southwestern Pennsylvania  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Roosevelt Boulevard Subway Movement  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
(Re)Place 345  
Dallas, Texas
AURA  
Austin, Texas
Air Alliance Houston  
Houston, Texas

BikeHouston  
Houston, Texas

Community First Coalition  
El Paso, Texas

Dallas Bicycle Coalition  
Dallas, Texas

Dallas Neighbors for Housing  
Dallas, Texas

Eco El Paso  
El Paso, Texas

El Paso County, Precinct 2  
El Paso, Texas

Fonde Civic Club  
Houston, Texas

LINK Houston  
Houston, Texas

Reconnect Austin  
Austin, Texas

Rethink35  
Austin, Texas

Safe Streets Austin  
Austin, Texas

Stop TxDOT I-45  
Houston, Texas

Sunset Heights Neighborhood Association  
El Paso, Texas

Texas Campaign for the Environment  
Texas (statewide)

Texas Streets Coalition  
Texas (statewide)

Velo Paso Bicycle-Pedestrian Coalition  
El Paso, Texas

HEAL Utah  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Utah Rail Passengers Association  
Utah (statewide)

Lid I-5  
Seattle, Washington

Move Redmond  
Redmond, Washington

The Urbanist  
Puget Sound, Washington

Transportation Choices Coalition  
Seattle, Washington

Greater Greater Washington  
Washington, DC, Maryland, Virginia

1000 Friends of Wisconsin  
Wisconsin (statewide)

350 Milwaukee  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Community Huddle  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Law Office of Dennis M Grzezinski  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Madison Area Bus Advocates  
Madison, Wisconsin

Milwaukee Riverkeeper  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Wisconsin Bike Federation  
Wisconsin (statewide)

Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired  
Madison, Wisconsin