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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 199 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

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GreenLatinos

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**Institute for Transportation and
Development Policy**

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Movemint Strategies

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National Organizations for Youth Safety

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New Urban Mobility Alliance

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**NRDC (Natural Resources Defense
Council)**

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Parking Reform Network

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Pedestrian Dignity Project

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PeopleForBikes

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PLACE Initiative

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Shared-Use Mobility Center

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Sierra Club

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Sunrise Movement

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Transit Center

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Transportation for America

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Urban Environmentalists

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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

CalBike

California (statewide)

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***Los Angeles Walks***Los Angeles, 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***TransForm***California (statewide)***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
BLVD Tampa
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

Scajaguada 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

BikeLoud 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