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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 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

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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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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

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

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

Equitcity
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