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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**

*National*

**CatholicNetwork US**

*National*

**Center for Biological Diversity**

*National*

**Center for Progressive Reform**

*National*

**Climate and Community**

*National*

**Congress for the New Urbanism**

*National*

**Families for Safe Streets**

*National*

**GreenLatinos**

*National*

**Institute for Transportation and  
Development Policy**

*National*

**Movemint Strategies**

*National*

**National Organizations for Youth Safety**

*National*

**New Urban Mobility Alliance**

*National*

**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*

**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*