



June 2, 2009

United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator,

The 102 undersigned national, regional and local organizations write to request your support for S. 1036, the *Federal Transportation Policy and Planning Act of 2009*, introduced by Senators Rockefeller and Lautenberg. This legislation addresses the current and future needs of our economy, health, energy security, and environment, including the urgent need to tackle global warming emissions from the transportation sector. The measure establishes a unifying mission for the federal surface transportation program and sets needed and achievable performance targets, including goals to increase system safety, to repair and maintain existing assets, and to reduce congestion and carbon emissions through increased use of transit, rail, marine, and non-motorized transportation. These performance targets should be effectively integrated into the federal transportation planning process as part of the next transportation bill.

The following goals, which are enumerated in the *Federal Transportation Policy and Planning Act of 2009*, are critical benchmarks for future transportation policy:

- Reduce national per capita motor vehicle miles traveled on an annual basis
- Reduce national motor vehicle-related fatalities by 50 percent by 2030
- Reduce national surface transportation-generated carbon dioxide levels by 40 percent by 2030
- Reduce national surface transportation delays per capita on an annual basis
- Increase the percentage of system-critical surface transportation assets that are in a state of good repair by 20 percent by 2030
- Increase the total usage of public transportation, intercity passenger rail services, and non-motorized transportation on an annual basis
- Increase the proportion of national freight transportation provided by non-highway or multimodal services by 10 percent by 2020

- Reduce passenger and freight transportation delays and congestion at international points of entry on an annual basis.

America needs a new transportation future based on national priorities that enhances our economy, environment, and quality of life. **We respectfully ask you to co-sponsor the *Federal Transportation Policy and Planning Act of 2009*.**

Thank you,

National Organizations

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Action Committee for Transit

Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety

Alliance to Save Energy

Amalgamated Transit Union

America 2050

American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy

American Planning Association

American Public Health Association

Association for Commuter Transportation

Association for Public Transportation, Inc.

Association of American Railroads

Center for Neighborhood Technology

CEOs for Cities

Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways

Climate Solutions

Coastal Connect

Congress of New Urbanism

Conservation Law Foundation

Environment America

Environmental & Energy Study Institute

Environmental Defense Fund

Environmental Law and Policy Center

Environmental Working Group

Free Congress Foundation - Center for Public Transportation

Friends Committee on National Legislation

Friends of the Earth

Housing Preservation Project

League of American Bicyclists

League of Conservation Voters

Livable Communities Coalition
LOCUS - Responsible Real Estate Developers and Investors
National Association of Railroad Passengers
National Audubon Society
National Wildlife Federation
Natural Resources Defense Council
Reconnecting America
SeaBridge USA
Sierra Club
Smart Growth America
Southern Environmental Law Center
Surface Transportation Policy Partnership
TransForm
Transit Coalition
Transportation For America
Truck Safety Coalition
Union of Concerned Scientists
US Public Interest Research Group

Regional Organizations – Southeast

1,000 Friends of Florida
Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Planning Agency (TN)
Citizens for Improved Transportation (FL)
Citizens for Progressive Transit (GA)
Congress of New Urbanism – Washington DC Chapter
Conservation Alabama Foundation
Smart Growth Partnership (FL)
South Florida Audubon Society
Tennessee Public Transportation Association
TND Planning Group (MD)
Transit Now Nashville (TN)
Washington Area Bicycle Association (DC)

Regional Organizations - Northeast

Connecticut Association for Community Transportation
Connecticut Citizens Transportation Lobby
Connecticut Fund for the Environment
Connecticut League of Conservation Voters

Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority (CT)
Grow Smart Rhode Island
Livable Streets Alliance (MA)
Maine Rail-Transit Alliance
Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance
New England Governor's Conference
New England Regional Rail Coalition
Pioneer Valley Advocates for Commuter Rail (MA)
Project for Public Spaces (NY)
Regional Plan Association (NY-NJ-CT)
Transit for Connecticut
Tri-State Transportation Campaign (NY-NJ-CT)

Regional Organizations - Midwest

1,000 Friends of Minnesota
Bike Pittsburgh (PA)
Bike, Walk Ohio!
Citizens for Modern Transit (MO)
Growth and Justice (MN)
Health by Design (IN)
Hoosier Environmental Council (IN)
Michigan Environmental Council
Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (MN)
Sierra Club North Star Chapter (MN)
Twin Cities Streets for People (MN)

Regional Organizations - West

Arizona Transit Association
Bike Denver
California Bicycle Coalition
Clean Energy Economy for the Region (CO)
Houston Tomorrow (TX)
Sierra Business Council (CA)
Sonoran Institute (US West and Mexico)
Train Riders Association of California
Greater Albuquerque Housing Partnership Alliance for Metropolitan Stability
(NM)

Regional Organizations – Northwest

1,000 Friends of Oregon

Alaska Center for Public Policy

Anchorage Citizens Coalition (AK)

Bicycle Commuters of Anchorage (AK)

City of Portland (OR)

Trimet (OR)