



Leading Together: Cities' 2020 Transportation Priorities



PARTNER

Cities, towns and villages are ready to partner with Congress to prioritize and invest in our nation's infrastructure.

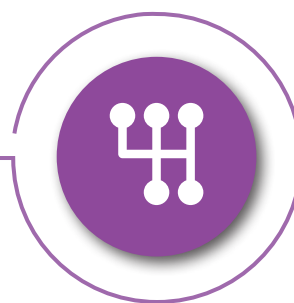
The Fixing Americas Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2016 expires at the end of September of 2020, and current transportation funding sources could be depleted as soon as 2021. As a nation, we must commit to rebuilding and reimagining our transportation networks now.



INVEST

Local leaders know we must do more to reinvest in our communities and rebuild America's infrastructure collaboratively.

The nation's cities, towns and villages support a long-term, comprehensive national transportation program that invests in our potential as a country. Cities, towns and villages are investing in transportation from their own budgets and ballot initiatives, especially on innovative, sustainable transportation solutions. The federal government must step up as an equal partner to leverage local investments.



SHIFT

Every day, city leaders hear from their residents and businesses about efficient, reliable, cost-effective, safe and modern mobility.

America's transportation problems far exceed available funding and how we move as a country is changing. Increasingly clogged and potholed roads now host more traffic along with innovative ride-share services, "micro-mobility" options like shared bikes and scooters, rapid buses and more. Now is the time for a new vision because transportation is changing, and our investments must change with it.

Local leaders are committed to playing a larger role in rebuilding America's infrastructure collaboratively with our regional, state and federal partners.

CONGRESS, IT'S TIME TO **#REBUILDWITHUS**

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IN THE NEXT TRANSPORTATION BILL, COMMUNITIES CALL ON CONGRESS TO PRIORITIZE:

PERFORMANCE

- **Leverage partnerships with local governments**, who are closest to both transportation problems and residents, in decision making on all transportation programs that impact communities.
- **Move toward a performance-based transportation structure**, in which the goals of the programs align with the region's goals for economic development, sustainability, safety, innovation, equity, and regional connectivity.

INNOVATION & SAFETY

- **Increase investment in both traditional and emerging transportation**, including regional and intercity rail connections, micromobility options, safe biking and walking infrastructure, autonomous vehicles and modern buses.
- **Increase the transparency of the federal regulatory processes** for both localities and the general public by streamlining duplicative federal processes
- **Advance the work of Vision Zero cities to improve safety for all users and across all modes** of transportation through new investment with cities and regions.

SUSTAINABILITY

- **Support regional transportation models and planning** to increase the effectiveness of the nation's multimodal and integrated transportation investments.
- **Recognize the essential connections between transportation and people's lives** - land use planning, housing, energy, the economy, public health and the environment.
- **Sustain the highway, rail, air, and port freight systems** with trade partners, in order to better connect urban and rural communities to each other and to the global economy.

FUNDING

- **Increase the overall funding directly available to local governments**, through programs like the Surface Transportation Block Grants (STBG) and Transportation Alternatives.
- **Expand and implement new revenue mechanisms** that are developed collaboratively with local governments, reflect the true cost of every mode of transportation, and can grow with the county's transportation demands.
- **Support affordable public transportation systems of all sizes** and ensure that factors like wages can keep up with costs of providing transportation services.

CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES CALL ON CONGRESS TO:

1. Partner with local governments to rebuild and fully fund the nation's transportation needs, better connect our regions, and innovate with technology and sustainable solutions by increasing the Surface Transportation Block Grants and access to other programs.
2. Work with local governments to expand and implement new revenue mechanisms that reflect the true cost of every mode of transportation, provide direct resources for regional priorities, and grow with the country's transportation network.
3. Increase safety funding and flexibility to save the lives of riders, bikers and pedestrians through Road to Zero and transportation safety projects.