



June 11, 2009

United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative,

The **141** undersigned national, regional and local organizations, write to request your support for **HR. 2724, the *National Transportation Objectives Act of 2009***, introduced by Representatives Holt, Inslee, and Carnahan. This legislation addresses the current and future needs of our economy, health, energy security, housing and community development, 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 *National Transportation Objectives Act of 2009*, are critical benchmarks for future transportation policy:

1. Reduce per capita vehicle miles traveled by 16 percent.
2. Triple walking, biking, and public transportation usage.
3. Reduce transportation-generated carbon dioxide level by 40 percent.
4. Reduce delay per capita by 10 percent.
5. Increase proportion of freight transportation provided by railroad and intermodal services by 20 percent.
6. Achieve 0 percent population exposure to at-risk levels of air pollution.
7. Improve public safety and lower congestion costs by reducing traffic crashes by 50 percent.
8. Increase share of major highways, regional transit fleets and facilities, and bicycling/pedestrian infrastructure in good state of repair condition by 20 percent.
9. Reduce average household combined housing plus transportation costs by 25 percent, using 2000 as a base year.
10. Increase by 50 percent the number of essential destinations (work and non-work) accessible within 30 minutes by public transportation or 15 minutes by walking, for low-income, senior, and disabled populations.

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 National Transportation Objectives Act of 2009.**

Thank you,

National Organizations

Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety
Alliance to Save Energy
Alliance for Biking & Walking
Amalgamated Transit Union
America 2050
America Bikes
American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy
American Institute of Architects
American Planning Association
American Public Health Association
American Society of Landscape Architects
Association for Commuter Transportation
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
Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)
LOCUS - Responsible Real Estate Developers and Investors
1Sky
National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations
National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO)
National Association of Railroad Passengers
National Audubon Society
National Complete Streets Coalition

National Low Income Housing Coalition
National Housing Conference
National Wildlife Federation
Natural Resources Defense Council
PolicyLink
The New Starts Working Group
Reconnecting America
Regional Plan Association
Safe Routes to School National Partnership
SeaBridge USA
Sierra Club
Smart Growth America
Society for Public Health Education
Southern Environmental Law Center
Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future (SAHF)
Surface Transportation Policy Partnership
TransForm
The Transit Coalition
Transportation For America
Transportation Equity Network
Truck Safety Coalition
Union of Concerned Scientists
US Public Interest Research Group

Regional Organizations – Southeast

1,000 Friends of Florida
Action Committee for Transit (MD)
Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Planning Agency (TN)
Citizens for Improved Transportation (FL)
Citizens for Progressive Transit (GA)
Coalition for the Advancement of Regional Transportation (KY)
Congress of New Urbanism – Washington DC Chapter
Conservation Alabama Foundation
Livable Communities Coalition (GA)
Mississippi Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities
Multi-County Clients Council of Kentucky, Inc.
Smart Growth Partnership (FL)
South Florida Audubon Society
Tennessee Public Transportation Association
TND Planning Group (MD)
Transit Now Nashville (TN)
Washington Area Bicyclist Association (DC)

Regional Organizations - Northeast

Association for Public Transportation, Inc. (MA)
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)
Transportation Alternatives (NY)
Transit for Connecticut
Tri-State Transportation Campaign (NY-NJ-CT)

Regional Organizations - Midwest

1,000 Friends of Minnesota
Alliance for Metropolitan Stability (MN)
Bike Pittsburgh (PA)
Bike, Walk Ohio!
Citizens for Modern Transit (MO)
Conservation Minnesota (MN)
Disabled Advocates of Kent County (MI)
Growth and Justice (MN)
Health by Design (IN)
Hoosier Environmental Council (IN)
Housing Preservation Project (MN)
Jonah (MI)
League of Michigan Bicyclists
Michigan Association of Railroad Passengers
Michigan Environmental Council
Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (MN)
MOSES (MI)
Sierra Club North Star Chapter (MN)
Transit for Livable Communities (MN)
Twin Cities Streets for People (MN)
State Senator D. Scott Dibble (MN)

Regional Organizations - West

Arizona Transit Association

Bike Denver

Breathe California

California Bicycle Coalition

Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CA)

Clean Energy Economy for the Region (CO)

Citizens' Transportation Coalition (TX)

Coalition on Regional Equity (CORE) (CA)

Green Wheels (CA)

Houston Tomorrow (TX)

RichmondRail.org (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)

Community Transit (WA)

Sound Transit (WA)