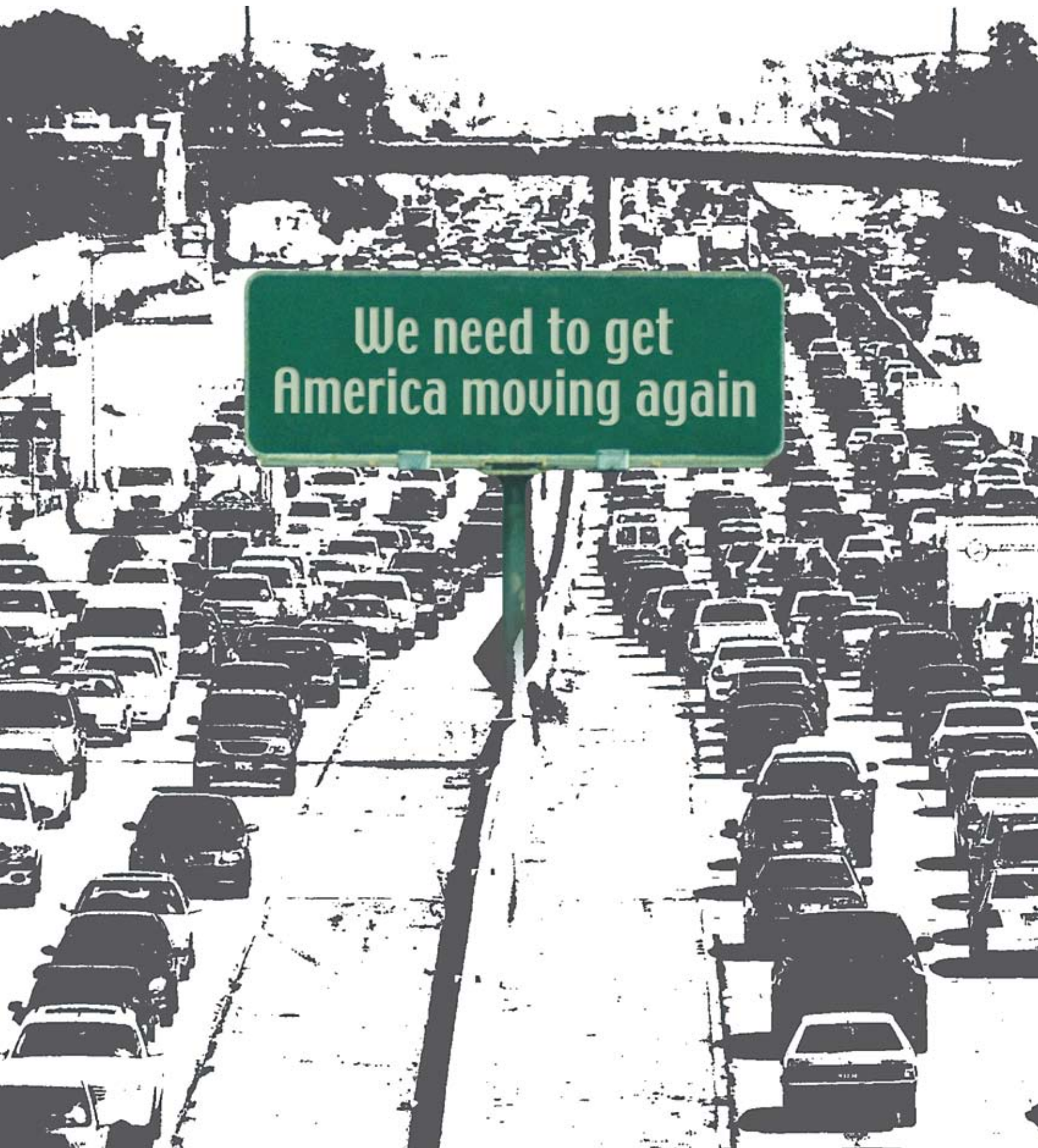




Transportation For America

We need to get
America moving again



About The Coalition

Transportation for America is a growing, national coalition committed to creating a new national transportation program that will take America into the 21st Century by building a modernized infrastructure and healthy communities where people can live, work and play.

A New Direction

21st CENTURY TRANSPORTATION FOR A 21st CENTURY AMERICA

OUR NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION policy has barely changed since the 1950s, when gas was 20 cents a gallon and President Eisenhower launched the interstate highway system. Today, we live in a very different world. Americans are feeling stuck with costly commutes and deepening congestion. Bridges are crumbling. Volatile energy costs are crippling rural economies and stranding Americans young and old. More of us are breathing dirty air as our population becomes increasingly urban. Our climate is threatened. And volatile areas of the world literally have us over a barrel — millions of barrels a day, in fact.

Americans are ready for a new direction. They are demanding transportation options that are cheaper, faster, cleaner and safer. They want investments that will help America compete and thrive in the global economy.

In 2009, Congress and the Obama Administration will face the expiration of the current \$286 billion national transportation program. The choice is clear: adopt a bold new agenda, or continue on the current path of spending billions of taxpayer dollars with little accountability for meeting critical national priorities.

TO GET AMERICA MOVING, WE MUST:

- *Jumpstart and sustain our economy into a clean-energy future that creates millions of green jobs.*
- *Ensure our metro areas can compete on a global stage by increasing their efficiency and preserving their quality of life.*
- *Help people of all income levels avoid high gas costs and congestion, make it easier to find an affordable home with access to jobs, and strengthen small town and rural economies.*
- *Build a clean transportation system that will protect our climate and the environment.*
- *Improve safety and health for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists while reducing poor air quality.*



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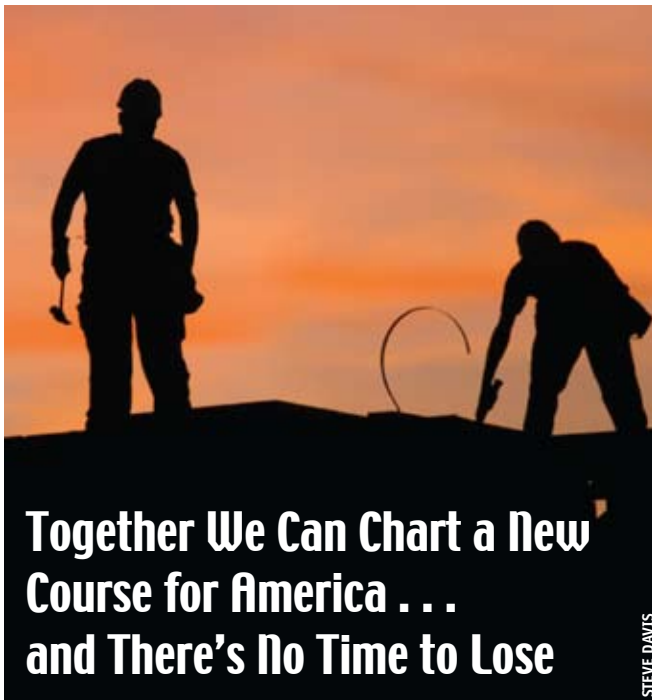
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Calling On Washington

TRANSPORTATION FOR AMERICA CALLS ON THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS TO ADOPT THESE KEY PRIORITIES:

- 1 A 21st CENTURY NETWORK:** Invest in a world-leading, sustainable transportation system. As our economy shifts, we must rapidly catch up to other developed countries with high-speed rail and world-class public transportation. We must fix bottlenecks in our freight corridors, clean up our ports and trucks, and get smarter about managing highway congestion using technology and tolling. Our cities and towns must have safe streets for walking and biking to reach transit, school and jobs. Planning and implementation of high quality public transit can unleash billions in private investment, which can be applied to its construction and operation.
- 2 NO MORE BLANK CHECKS:** Establish national transportation objectives and hold agencies accountable. The federal government must ensure that funding for transportation is invested wisely by holding the U.S. Department of Transportation and its grantees accountable for progress toward primary objectives, including: reducing dependence on oil, lowering carbon emissions from transportation, improving the safety and health of our citizens, and ensuring social equity and economic opportunity across our society.
- 3 SAVE LIVES, PROMOTE HEALTH:** Support safe walking and biking, reduced exposure to vehicle injuries and dirty air. Provide federal funding and direction so that communities may retrofit unsafe urban roads; create complete streets safe for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists; and encourage active living in communities free of harmful levels of vehicle emissions.
- 4 FIX WHAT'S BROKEN:** Establish a special program to restore and maintain our existing highways, bridges and transit and maximize their efficiency. To protect our investment, federal funds should be conditioned on demonstrated performance by grantees that existing transportation infrastructure is kept in a state of good repair.
- 5 SHARE THE POWER – AND THE RESPONSIBILITY:** Provide funding and decision-making authority to local regions. Empower metropolitan planning organizations and other local entities to address their transportation and development issues, but require improved performance and democratic representation in decision-making bodies.
- 6 SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:** Transportation and development go hand in hand. Our nation can no longer afford to sink money into highway lanes that become overwhelmed by poorly planned development. We need a more efficient system that rewards communities for developing in smarter, more sustainable ways, reducing energy use and carbon emissions while ensuring the availability of housing that is affordable to families of all incomes, near job centers and public transit.
- 7 SMART FINANCING:** Broaden the capital and operating funding base. The probable financial need will be far greater than current federal sources, which rely primarily on the motor-fuel tax. Federal policy should encourage and support innovation in finding new sources for state and local matching funds and attracting private-sector investment, while maintaining public control.





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Together We Can Chart a New Course for America . . . and There's No Time to Lose

WE CAN NO LONGER AFFORD to squander precious transportation dollars as though we are expecting a permanent return to cheap gasoline. We need to build a 21st Century transportation system that reduces our vulnerability to oil shocks and price increases while making our economy stronger, our households wealthier and our climate safer.

In the coming year, Transportation for America will mobilize our constituents, galvanize public support and work with lawmakers to rethink the way we build our country's infrastructure and communities. With your support, we can convince the President and Congress to put us on the right path by committing to a bold plan that guarantees our transportation investments produce the best returns for our economy, our pocketbooks, our communities, and our environment.

Join our coalition and learn more by visiting www.t4america.org, or contact Ilana Preuss at ilana.preuss@t4america.org

To become a partner in the campaign, please download the partnership form at <http://t4america.org/partnership>



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Our National Partners

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Reconnecting America (co-chair)
Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety
American Public Transportation Association
Amalgamated Transit Union / America 2050
America Bikes / The American Institute of Architects
America Walks / American Public Health Association
Apollo Alliance / Association for Commuter Transportation
Bicycle Benefits / BOMA International / CEOs for Cities
Center for Neighborhood Technology
Citizens for Appropriate Rural Roads, Inc.
Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways
Congress for the New Urbanism
Defenders of Wildlife / Enterprise Community Partners
Environment America / Environmental & Energy Study Institute
Environmental Defense Fund / Good Jobs First
Holland & Knight / Housing Preservation Project
Jonathan Rose Companies / League of American Bicyclists
League of Conservation Voters
Local Initiative Support Corporation
LOCUS: Responsible Real Estate Developers and Investors
Main Street Project / NCB Capital Impact
National Alliance of Public Transportation Advocates
National Association of Local Boards of Health
National Association of City Transportation Officials
National Association of County and City Health Officials
National Association of Railroad Passengers
National Association of REALTORS
National Center for Bicycling & Walking
National Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity
National Complete Streets Coalition
National Housing Conference / National Housing Trust
Natural Resources Defense Council
National Recreation and Park Association
National Trust for Historic Preservation
National Wildlife Federation / Nelson/Nygaard
New Starts Working Group / Outdoor Industry Association
PolicyLink / Project for Public Spaces
The Real Estate Roundtable
Safe Routes to School National Partnership
Sam Schwartz Engineering, PLLC
Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future
STV Inc. / Transportation Equity Network
The Surface Transportation Policy Partnership
Thunderhead Alliance / Truck Safety Coalition
Parents Against Tired Truckers
The Trek to Re-Energize America / Trust for America's Health
U.S. Green Building Council U.S. / Public Interest Research Group-
Walkable Communities

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