

May 28, 2010

Secretary Ray LaHood
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C., 20590
Dear Secretary LaHood,

We are writing to thank you for your recent Policy Statement on Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodation, leading the way to make bicycling and walking equal modes of transportation, and we are eager to work with you to implement these changes.

We commend the policy statement's assertion of the importance of walking and biking to livable communities. We believe a number of your recommended actions, such as raising minimum design standards, setting mode share goals for walking and biking and improved data collection will foster livable communities and enable people to walk or bike routinely and provide more choices for the 50 percent of total trips that are fewer than three miles.

Leveling the playing field for pedestrians and bicyclists is also a matter of public safety. Transportation for America's "Dangerous by Design" report last year chronicled the 76,000 preventable pedestrian deaths over the last fifteen years due to unsafe streets. By highlighting the need for transportation choices for people of all ages and abilities, the DOT's new policy will promote streets that are safer for everyone.

The Obama administration has shown encouraging progress on pedestrian and bicycle equity, even prior to your announcement. The joint-departmental Partnership for Sustainable Communities has initiated important collaboration between agencies, and the merit-based TIGER grants in last year's economic recovery bill are already rewarding communities that plan for and integrate walking and biking into their transportation plans.

We have a lot of work to do. We should start by integrating policies that increase safety and accessibility for pedestrians and bicyclists, including Complete Streets and Safe Routes to School, into federal law so that new projects receiving DOT funds accommodate all users of the road. We should also advocate funding for Active Transportation networks in our cities, towns and metropolitan areas. We look forward to working with you on new surface transportation law that broadens transportation choices for all Americans — including older Americans, children, people with disabilities and residents of metropolitan and rural areas — and introduces new benchmarks for our federal dollars, including those that will support biking and walking as equal modes of transportation.

Thank you for your leadership on creating a transportation system that is safe and accessible for all Americans, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Transportation for America
Safe Routes to School National Partnership
America Bikes
Active Living By Design
Adventure Cycling Association
Alliance for Biking & Walking
America Walks
American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation

American Public Health Association
American Society of Landscape Architects
Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals
Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living
Bikes Belong
CEOs for Cities
International Mountain Bicycling Association
KidCommute, Inc.
League of American Bicyclists
National Center for Bicycling & Walking
National Complete Streets Coalition
Paralyzed Veterans of America
Partnership for Prevention
PolicyLink
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
Reconnecting America
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center to Prevent Childhood Obesity
Smart Growth America
SMITH Optics
Society for Public Health Education
The Safe States Alliance
Trust for America's Health

ALABAMA

AlaBike

ALASKA

Alaska Transportation Priorities Project
Bicycle Commuters of Anchorage

ARIZONA

Arizona Safe Routes To School Program
Arizona Walks
Prescott Alternative Transportation

ARKANSAS

Northeast Arkansas Bicycle Coalition

CALIFORNIA

Bay Area Bicycle Coalition
BikeSD.org
BikeStation
California Bicycle Coalition
California WALKS CALPIRG COAST (Coalition for Sustainable Transportation) Community Health Councils

Cycles of Change
Davis Bicycle Collective
Davis Bicycles!
Davis Bicycles! School Committee
East Bay Bicycle Coalition
Endangered Habitats League
Green Wheels
Humboldt Partnership for Active Living
Latino Urban Forum
Local Government Commission
Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition
Los Angeles Walks
Marin County Bicycle Coalition
Move LA
Pedestrian Friendly Alameda
Prevention Institute
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RiderShip for the Masses
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District
Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates
San Diego County Bicycle Coalition
San Francisco Bicycle Coalition
San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Coalition
Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition
Santa Monica Cycling Club
Santa Monica Spoke
Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition
Strategic Alliance for Healthy Food and Activity Environments
Sustainable San Mateo County
The Mayor's Challenge: Shape Up San Francisco
The Transit Coalition
TRAC – Train Riders Association of California
TransForm
Transit Advocates of Orange County
Tulare County Redevelopment Agency
UCLA Bicycle Academy
Walk Oakland Bike Oakland
Walk San Francisco
WALKSacramento
WalkSanDiego

COLORADO

BikeDenver
Colorado Legacy Foundation
Denver City Council District 8 Healthy Lifestyle La Plata
Jacob Smith, Mayor, City of Golden, Colorado
LiveWell Colorado
The Bicycle Cooperative of Fort Collins, Inc.

CONNECTICUT

Bike Walk Connecticut
Connecticut Association for Community
Transportation
Greater Bridgeport Transit

DELAWARE

Bike Delaware
Delaware Bicycle Council

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington Area Bicyclist Association

FLORIDA

1000 Friends of Florida
BikeWalkLee
Broward Smart Growth Partnership
Naples Pathways Coalition, Inc

GEORGIA

Atlanta Bicycle Coalition
Bike Athens
Georgia Bikes Alliance
Pedestrians Educating Drivers on Safety, Inc. (PEDS) Douglas H. Dierenfield DDS ESP
Wellness, LLC
Frank H. Sayre, D.D.S.

HAWAII

Get Fit Kauai; Nutrition & Physical Activity Coalition of Kauai County
Kauai Path Inc.
PATH – Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii

IDAHO

Idaho Pedestrian & Bicycle Alliance
Teton Valley Trails and Pathways

ILLINOIS

Active Transportation Alliance
Healthy Schools Campaign
League of Illinois Bicyclists
Stakeholders Collaboration to Improve Student Health
Two Rivers YMCA

INDIANA

Health by Design
Indiana Bicycle Coalition

IOWA

Iowa Bicycle Coalition

KANSAS

Bike/Walk Alliance-Wichita
WamSagMan Trail

KENTUCKY

Biking for Louisville
Kentucky Youth Advocates
Queen City Bike

LOUISIANA

New Orleans Metro Bicycle Coalition

MAINE

Bicycle Coalition of Maine

MARYLAND

Baltimore City Department of Transportation

MASSACHUSETTS

Danvers Bi-Ped
Maryland Height Parks & Rec Commission
MassBike
WalkBoston

MICHIGAN

The Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition

MINNESOTA

1000 Friends of Minnesota
Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota
D. Scott Dibble, State Senator
Environment Minnesota
Fit City Duluth
Fresh Energy
St. Paul Smart Trips
Transit for Livable Communities

MISSISSIPPI

Bike Walk Mississippi

MISSOURI

B. Y. E. (Bikes Youth and Exercise) Bridging the Gap
City of Independence Parks & Recreation Department
Kansas City Bicycle Club
Mark Twain Forest Regional Health Alliance
Missouri Bicycle & Pedestrian Federation
Missouri Coordinated School Health Coalition
PedNet Coalition
St. Louis Regional Bicycle Federation
Trailnet
Urban Kansas City Community of Cycling

MONTANA

Active Transportation Alternatives
Associated Students of Montana State University Sustainability Center
Big Sky Fit Kids
BikeNet
Bozeman Area Bicycle Advisory Board
Bozeman Sustainability Group
Current Transportation Solutions
Journeys From Home
Lewis and Clark City-County Health Department
Mainstreet Uptown Butte
MAST, Missoula Advocates for Sustainable Transportation
Missoula City County Health Department
Missoula Parks & Recreation
New West Health Services
Shape Up Montana
The Associated Students of The University of Montana Office of Transportation
Working for Equality and Economic Liberation
Yellowstone Valley Citizens Council

NEBRASKA

Activate Omaha

NEVADA

Community Against Reckless Driving

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Bike-Walk Alliance of New Hampshire
Seacoast Area Bicycle Routes

NEW JERSEY

Bike and Walk Montclair
Jersey Off Road Bicycle Association
New Jersey Bicycle Coalition
NJ Future
West Windsor Bicycle and Pedestrian Alliance

NEW MEXICO

Bicycle Coalition of New Mexico
Rocky Mountain
Youth Corps
Walk Albuquerque

NEW YORK

Transport Workers Union Local 100 Transportation Alternatives, NYC
Tri-State Transportation Campaign

NORTH CAROLINA

Bicycling in Greensboro
Safe Guilford/ Safe Kids

NORTH DAKOTA

Go! Bismarck Mandan Healthy Community Coalition
FM Active Transportation Group
Southern Valley Health Watch

OHIO

Bike,Walk Ohio!
ClevelandBikes
Safe Routes to School Chagrin Falls
Walk and Roll Cleveland

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Bicycling Coalition
Washington County Walk This Weigh Sub-Committee of Washington County Wellness Initiative

OREGON

Arriving By Bike
Bicycle Transportation Alliance
Lane Transit District Metro
OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon
Oregon Environmental Council Right2Bike Willamette Pedestrian Coalition
All Traffic Solutions

PENNSYLVANIA

Bike Pittsburgh Lebanon Valley Bicycle Coalition
PA Walks and Bikes
Philly Walks

RHODE ISLAND

East Coast Greenway Alliance

SOUTH CAROLINA

Charleston Moves
Coastal Cyclists
Cycle South Carolina
Festivelo de Charleston

Palmetto Cycling Coalition
SideWalk Chalk
South Carolina Lowcountry Environmental Education Programs

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota Bicycling Coalition

TENNESSEE

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Bike Walk Tennessee
Fountain City Connections
Lose & Associates, Inc.
Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transit Now Nashville

TEXAS

Bike Texas

UTAH

Salt Lake County Bicycle Advisory Committee

VERMONT

Local Motion

VIRGINIA

Active Williamsburg Alliance
America Walks- VA

WASHINGTON

Bicycle Alliance of Washington
Cascade Bicycle Club
Feet First
Sierra Club Cascade Chapter
Streets For All Seattle
Transportation Choices Coalition
Undriving, Inc
Washington Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity

WEST VIRGINIA

Mountain State Wheelers Bicycle Club
Peddler's Paradise Bicycle Recyclery
Positive Spin Spokes 4 Folks

WISCONSIN

20BY2020 Bike Federation of Wisconsin
Driftless Region Bicycle Coalition
Safe Kids Wisconsin

WYOMING

Friends of Pathways