



T4A Authorization Proposal

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- **Reconnecting America (co-chair)**
- **Smart Growth America (co-chair)**
- AARP
- Action! For Regional Equity
- America Bikes
- American Public Health Association (APHA)
- Apollo Alliance
- LOCUS: Responsible Real Estate Developers and Investors
- National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO)
- National Association of Realtors
- National Housing Conference
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- PolicyLink
- Surface Transportation Policy Partnership (STPP)
- Transit for Livable Communities (TLC)
- Transportation Equity Network
- US PIRG



NATIONAL GROUPS

Smart Growth America (co-chair)

Reconnecting America (co-chair)

AARP

Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety

The Alliance for Biking and Walking

(formerly Thunderhead Alliance)

Alta Planning + Design

American Public Transportation Association

Amalgamated Transit Union

America 2050

America Bikes

The American Institute of Architects

American Planning Association

American Public Health Association

America Walks

Apollo Alliance

Association for Commuter Transportation

Bicycle Benefits

BOMA International

CEOs for Cities

Center for Neighborhood Technology

Citizens for Appropriate Rural Roads, Inc.

Congress for the New Urbanism

Defenders of Wildlife

Enterprise Community Partners

Environment America

Environmental & Energy Study Institute

Environmental Defense Fund

Good Jobs First

Housing Preservation Project

Institute of Transportation Engineers

Jonathan Rose Companies

League of American Bicyclists

League of Conservation Voters

Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC)

LOCUS: Responsible Real Estate Developers and Investors

Main Street Project

NCB Capital Impact

The National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations

National Alliance of Public Transportation

Advocates (NAPTA)

National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH)

National Association of City Transportation

Officials

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

National Association of Railroad Passengers

National Association of Realtors

National Center for Bicycling & Walking

National Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity

National Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity

National Complete Streets Coalition

National Housing Conference

National Housing Trust

National Low Income Housing Coalition

National Multi-Housing Council

Natural Resources Defense Council

National Recreation and Park Association

National Trust for Historic Preservation

National Wildlife Federation

Nelson/Nygaard

New Belgium Brewing Co.

New Starts Working Group

Outdoor Industry Association

PolicyLink

Project for Public Spaces

Rails to Trails Conservancy

The Real Estate Roundtable

Safe Routes to School National Partnership

Sam Schwartz Engineering, PLLC

Scenic America

Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future

STV Inc

The Surface Transportation Policy Partnership

Transport Workers Union of America AFL-CIO

Transportation Equity Network (TEN)

Truck Safety Coalition (Nat'l)

Parents Against Tired Truckers

Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways

The Trek to Re-Energize America

Trust for America's Health

U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)

U.S. Public Interest Research Group

Walkable Communities

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS



- **New Transportation Vision with National Objectives and Performance Targets**
- **Restructure Federal Programs**
- **Institutional Reform**
- **Rethink Financing to Provide Needed Investments**

FUNDING STRATEGIES



- Unified Transportation Trust Fund
- Increase and index federal gas tax -
- Container tax and customs revenues
- Increase general fund contribution
- Consider federal car sales tax, “gas guzzler” tax, and freight waybill tax
- Consider barrel surcharge on oil products
- Move towards national VMT Tax
 - Adjusted for vehicle fuel economy and congestion

FUNDING STRATEGIES



- Carbon tax to transportation
 - Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009
 - At least 10% of permit auctions to transportation projects that reduce greenhouse gases
- National Infrastructure Reinvestment Corporation
- Congestion pricing
- Value Capture Pilot Program

NATIONAL OBJECTIVES



- Improve Economic Competitiveness and System Efficiency
- Better Transportation System Conditions and Connectivity
- Provide Equal and Equitable Access to Transportation Options
- Promote Energy Conservation and Energy Security
- Ensure Safety and Improved Public Health
- Ensure Environmental Protection, including Climate Stability

PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE PROGRAM REFORM



- Invest to Complete the National Transportation System
- Ensure State of Good Repair of All Transport Assets
- Ensure Accountability and Oversight that is Transparent
- Prioritize Sustainable Solutions: Equity, Economy, and the Environment
- Reward Leveraging and local innovation to address multiple community and national goals

THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM



Building the Second Half of the National System

- Intercity Passenger Rail
- Green freight and port investments
- Major Transit Capital investments
- Projects of national/regional significance: highways, intermodal facilities

RESTRUCTURE FEDERAL PROGRAMS



- Consolidation and Elevation of National Priority Programs: planning; state of good repair; safety; equitable access and mobility; environment
- Invest in integrated, outcome-based transportation options
 - Geographic-tiered vs. modal programs – inter regional, metropolitan, local
 - Level playing field for major new capacity programs for rail, highways, freight, and transit

INSTITUTIONAL REFORM



- **US DOT** – Funding, oversight, research and technical assistance, Interagency partners
- **State DOTs** – Certification of planning process (Blueprints), realign relationship with metro areas and rural planning districts
- **Metropolitan Planning Organizations** – More responsibility = more authority; composition and representation; consolidated planning
- **Local Governments** – support for local planning and land use activities, partner in state/metro Blueprint process