

ELECTION RESULTS: WHAT IT MEANS FOR BIKING, WALKING AND THE TRANSPORTATION BILL

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What does a Biden White House mean for bike/ped?

Platform

Appointments

Transition

What do the election results mean for the next transportation bill?

House

Senate

Policy Priorities for 2021

What you can do



AMTRAK JOE



Picture from Amtrak

OVERALL BIDEN AGENDA

4 (domestic) crises/ priorities:

- COVID relief and recovery
- Economic recovery and growth
- Racial justice
- Climate Change

Sees transportation/infrastructure as addressing

- Climate change
- Economic recovery

ALSO- A place to address equity and environmental justice** through increasing access and reducing carbon pollution

^{**} House Transportation & Infrastructure has also highlighted as a priority for their members



- Transforming our crumbling transportation infrastructure
- Sparking the second great railroad revolution.
- Revolutionizing municipal transit networks.
- Ensuring clean, safe drinking water is a right in all communities
- Expanding broadband, or wireless broadband via 5G, to every American
- Cleaning up and redeveloping abandoned and underused Brownfield properties...and other idle community assets
- Revitalizing communities (including Tribes, urban, rural and high-poverty areas)



- Provide all Americans in municipalities of more than 100,000 people with quality public transportation by 2030.
- To allocate flexible federal investments to help cities and towns install light rail networks and improve existing transit and bus lines. (with Labor provisions)
- To help cities /towns invest in bike/ped/ micro-mobility infrastructure.
- Create program that giving fast growing areas resources to build transit options from the start.



PERSONNEL IS POLICY- DOT Secretary



















WHAT COULD THE US DOT DO?



Policy/ Office of the Secretary

- Grant programs TIGER
- Sustainable Communities Network
- Equity/ Ladders of Opportunity
- Performance Measures



WHAT TO EXPECT FROM BIDEN DOT

Focus on multi-modal transportation

- Rail and transit specifically
- Bike/ped first and last mile opportunities
- History/ interest with auto industry
- Multi-agency

Climate and Equity

- Bicycling and walking networks, short trips
- Access and connectivity,
- Resilience in infrastructure
- Interest in micro-mobility
- Transit dependent communities

Safety

- Remove Ex order on 2 for 1 regulations
- Expect heavier involvement in AVs,





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TRANSITION

Government Service Administration (GSA)

- Not releasing funds, office space, authority for information

Agencies

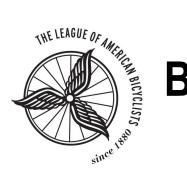
- Invite landing teams
- Hold joint meetings, onboarding
- Leave exit memos, some staff hold over

DOT's role in Legislation

- Depends on timing, but
- Will need to do COVID first, day to day work first

Biden - moving forward, releasing transition team so stakeholders can reach out





BIDEN TEAM MOVES FORWARD

Name	Most Recent Employment	Name	Most Recent Employment
Phillip Washington, Team Lead	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	Therese McMillan	Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Dave Barnett	United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters of the US and Canada	Brad Mims	Conference of Minority Transportation Officials
Austin Brown	University of California, Davis	Robert Molofsky	Self-employed
David Cameron	International Brotherhood of Teamsters	Patty Monahan	California Energy Commission
Florence Chen	Generate	Mario Rodriguez	Indianapolis Airport Authority
Brendan Danaher	Transport Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO	Mike Rodriguez	Texas A&M University System (Retired)
Paul Kincaid	The Association of Former Members of Congress	Nairi Tashjian Hourdajian	Figma
Gabe Klein	Cityfi	Polly Trottenberg	New York City, Department of Transportation
Jeff Marootian	District Department of Transportation	Vinn White	State of New Jersey

https://buildbackbetter.com/the-transition/agency-review-teams/



CONGRESS



FIRSTS IN THE 117TH CONGRESS

NM- All Women of Color House Delegation

MO- Cori Bush(D) first MO Black Congresswoman

NY -Mondaire Jones (D) and Ritchie Torres (D), openly gay Black men in Congress. (Torres first gay Afro-Latino)

WA- **Marilyn Strickland (D)** first Korean American, first WA Black Representative at the federal level

SC- Nancy Mace (R), first SC woman in House

NC-Madison Cawthorn (R) youngest in modern history.

WY- Cynthia Lummis (R) will be the first WY female Senator.



THE HOUSE

Current total- 218 D, 203 R

- 14 seats still to be called

	116th Congress (2019-2020	117th Congress (projected)
Democrats	233	226
Republicans	201	209
Independents	1	



REACTIONS

Dem Caucus

- Relieved Biden won; Reeling from losses in Congress
- Re- calibrating their plans and goals
- Losses mostly moderates, Caucus shift progressive
- Progressives vs. Moderates overblown
 - Party strongly aligned during campaign
 - Concern- Progressives would become 'freedom caucus' to the left
 - Pelosi running unopposed for Speaker

Within Rep. Caucus

- Mixed on Trump loss; happy surprise on wins
- Prepped for 100% opposition, also recalibrating
- Gains mostly moderates
- Trumpism vs. Business Republicans
 - Leadership sticking with Trump right now



TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE- Bike friendly members

Leadership

Peter DeFazio (OR-D)- Chairman Rodney Davis (IL-R) - Big 4

- Chair, Highways and Transit Subcommittee

Rank and file bike/ped sympathetic Republicans

Don Young (AK-AL)
John Katko (NY-24)
Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-1)

Abby Finkenauer (IA-D) - lost her seat

Rural, worked across aisle in T&I
Successful amendments in Committee





HOW WILL ELECTION AFFECT TRANSPORTATION BILL?

INVEST in America - Partisan bill

- Extremely Strong on climate, safety
- Prescriptive and performance based

Bi-Partisan vs. Partisan

- Ranking Republican Graves (Mostly) blamed Pelosi
- Multiple other bills were bipartisan
- Climate will be sticking point again

Committee D:R ratio will change

- Less of a majority may make DeFazio compromise more
- Easier for bi-partisan "weakening amendments" to pass
 - climate provisions weakened this year







BICYCLING AND WALKING

The Good news- Bipartisan support for bicycling and walking

Transportation Alternatives funding Interest/ informal understanding on safety

(particularly pedestrian safety)

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Will what we won stay in bill?

Transportation alternatives changes Bike/ped safety changes



- Democrats interested in more robust equity language
- Republican stance on climate?





SENATE



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Current Results-

50 Republicans

46 Democrats (2 new members)

2 Independents (caucus with Dems)

Democrats net one member so far

What Control means

Establish Committee leads- set committee agendas Majority Leader

- Control floor Schedule/ timing and procedure
- McConnell embraced "Grim Reaper" nickname

Senator Manchin (D-WV)-

Even if Dems take control Won't support extremely progressive agenda





NEW SENATORS

Senator	State	Party	Record	Flip or same
Gov. John Hickenlooper	СО	D	Gov- supportive of bike/ped	Flip
Capt. Mark Kelly	AZ	D	Bike Commuter	Flip
Rep. Ben Lujan	NM	D	Co-sponsor	Same
Rep. Cynthia Lummis	WY	R	Has been helpful on Trails	Same
Rep. Roger Marshall	KS	R	No co-sponsorship	Same
Coach Tommy Tuberville	AL	R	?	Flip





	116th Congress	117th Congress- Rep Control	117th Congress- Dem Control
Chair	Barrasso (R-WY)	Capito (R- WV)	Carper (D-DE)
Ranking Member	Carper (D-DE)	Carper (D-DE)	Capito (R-WV)
Highway and Transit Chair	Capito (R-WV)	? Cramer (R-ND) Braun (R-IN) ?	Cardin (D-MD)
Highway and Transit Ranking Member	Cardin (D-MD)	Cardin (D-MD)	? Cramer (R-ND) Braun (R-IN) ?



SENATE EPW LEADERSHIP

Chair Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)

Prioriities

- Rural economic growth
- State flexibility
- Bike/ped safety

Policy

- Similar to this year
- Focus on bipartisanship
- Possible pull back on climate

Biggest challenge

- Believes in infra, investment
- Leadership wants it paid for

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Chair Tom Carper (D-DE)

Priorities

- Climate
- Safety
- Innovation

Policy

- Similar to this year
- Focus on bipartisanship
- Push on climate?

Biggest challenge-

- Funding
- Fiscal conservative



PRE-ELECTION REVIEW



LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

SENATE

Committee process

- EPW- Highways
- Banking, HUD- Transit
- Commerce- Safety
- Finance- funding

Senate floor vote

HOUSE

Committee Process

- Transportation & Infrastructure policy
- Ways & Means- funding

House floor vote



Conference Committee

Senate floor vote

House floor vote

President Signs



LEAGUE PRIORITIES 2019-2020

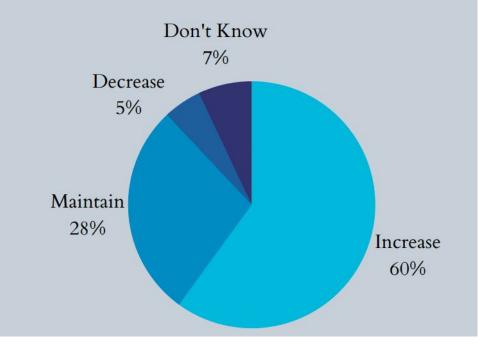
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System changes in Safety	1		
Improve Connectivity	2		
AV Safety	2	N/A	
Resilience - Climate	3		
Set aside in Federal lands	3		₫.

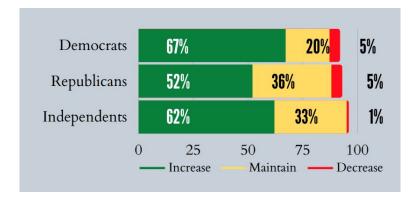


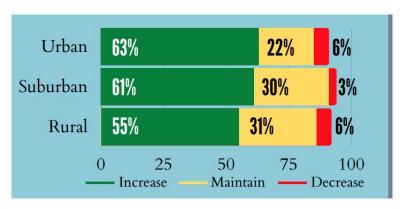
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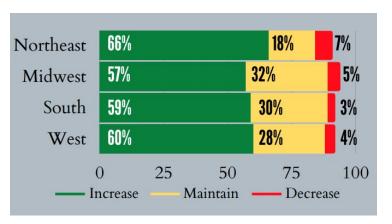
An Ipsos/League survey asked Americans:

Knowing less than two percent of transportation funding goes to sidewalks, bike lanes, and bike paths, do you think spending on sidewalks and bikeways should increase, stay about the same, or decrease?











PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

, v	116th Congress	117th Congress	Question?
White House	defunded TA in budget	Focus on climate, multimodal (b/p)	How involved will they be in legislation?
USDOT	Concerned with safety -Bikeway Design Guide Not a multimodal culture	Culture fo Multimodalism climate, equity focus	When will they be up and running?
House	Revolutionary climate bill Prescriptive -results based \$\$	(small?) shift away from support prescriptive policy	How anti-climate will Republicans be without Trump?
Senate	bipartisan, Evolutionary climate thru incentives not prescriptive	Virtually the same	Funding for infrastructure- reauth or stimulus?
COVID	Bike boom has not brought increased support for investment		Will we see public push for more investment?



CREATING LEAGUE PLATFORM



PROCESS OF PLATFORM CREATION

GATHER INFO FROM STAKEHOLDERS (Sept-Oct)

DEVELOP DRAFT
PLATFORM
GOALS
(Oct- Nov)

SHARE WITH BROADER COALITION (Nov- Jan)

- Work with Leadership
 Circle to devise survey
- Send survey to stakeholders
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- Work with
 Leadership Circle to
 Interpret results
- Use survey, and environment to create Legislative goals
- Talk through with key allies

- Share with broader group of allies
- Listen for their priorities and where we can work together



SURVEY OF STATE AND LOCAL BIKE ADVOCACY ORGS

Results will be used to determine our asks:

- In combination with membership survey, stakeholder survey
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What should be the Leagues priorities among:

- Funding asks
- Transportation policy asks
- Vehicle Standards/ policy
- Commuter benefits/ tax policy
- Non- Transportation policies

Open ended questions-

- What priorities did we miss
- What questions do you have
- How has federal (or state) policy been used to hinder bike/ped improvements



Top Findings

- Infrastructure Funding- Equity lens on funding,
- Infrastructure Policy Reducing SOV capacity and Connectivity
- Vehicle Standards- Vision test for AV
- Transportation policy- non-police enforcement, health inclusion
- Tax Policy/ incentives Tax rebates ebikes, bikeshare

Open ended questions, policy priorities

- Equity,
 - Local control related questions
 - Connectivity policies

Funding priorities

- 1- Equity lens on transportation funding
- 2- Safety funding for bike/ped
- 3-Increase funding for bicycling and walking infrastructure.



Need to strengthen equity work in platform

- Funding
 - Specific to Transportation Alternatives or larger funding ask?
 - Will work in coalitions
- Enforcement
 - Prioritize 402/405 Highway Safety Grants
 - Divert police enforcement funds to non-police enforcement/ education programs

Connectivity/ Reducing Single Occupancy Vehicle capacity

- Also equity component
- Ensure fix it first includes bike/ped access



Leadership circle

- Equity
- Connectivity/ less SOV

Congressional Champions

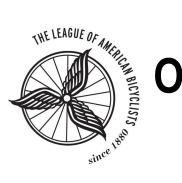
- (Old) What they want to push
- (Look for new ones)

Partner Organizations

Where we can lead and where we follow

Opportunities

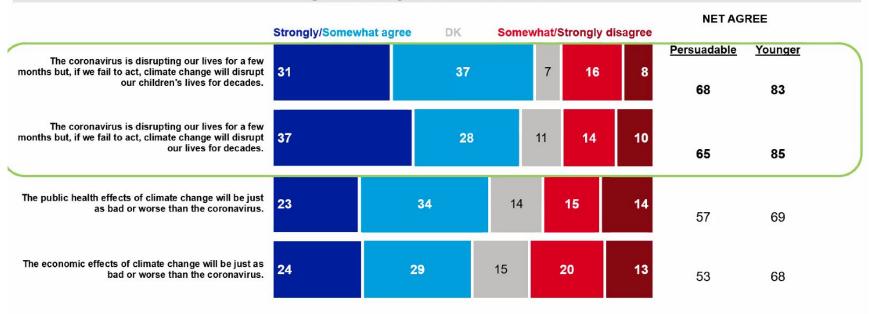
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OPPORTUNISTIC -CLIMATE

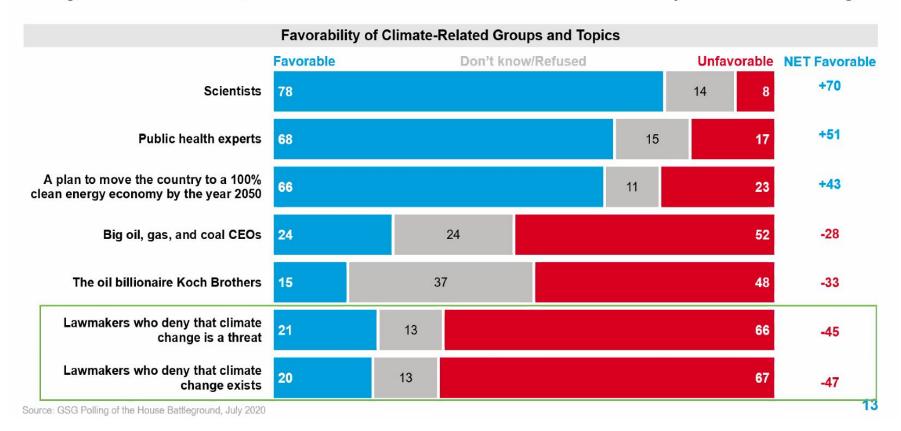
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STIMULUS VS REAUTHORIZATION

If Republicans control Senate, unlikely there will be funding for both

Biden Administration see reauthorization as transportation stimulus (different from relief

	Stimulus	Reauthorization
Policy Change	minor	Significant
Funding boost	One time push (b/p \$ comes with road \$)	5 year incremental increases
Bi- partisan support?	Less likely	More likely
Empower US DOT	possibly temporarily	Yes
System Change?	little	Yes



WHAT CAN ADVOCATES DO NOW?



POLITICAL WILL

"We just don't have the 'Political Will' in our town/ state to get that project built or influence our Representative".

Politicians do not grow political will...

They respond to political will





HOW YOU CAN HELP

Congratulate your member of Congress

- Sample letter
- Highlight local benefits to bicycling and walking

Research new members of Congress

- Interest in bicycling
- Statements/ position on transportation

Attend National Bike Summit

- Virtual in 2021
- Zoom w/ your Senator!

Stay tuned..

- Final platform coming soon
- lobby training online



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TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES

	Transp. Alternatives Enhancement Act	Senate Bill	House Bill
Funding	10% of STP	\$1.2 billion-1.3 billion	10% STP 2022- \$1.5 billion
Local control	Obligation authority for large MPOs	Included	Included
	Small MPOs eligibility	Included	Included
State flexibility	Options to help with 20% local match	Included	Included
	Offer TA	Included	Included
Improve transparency	Report project list (awarded/obligated)	N/A	Included
Reduce Transferability	First require competition and TA	N/A	Included



SAFETY COMPARISONS- HSIP

.in ^{ce}	HR 3040	Senate	House
Funding levels	Proportional	\$250 million	\$247 million
Requirement: Set aside or obligated	Set aside	Set aside	Obligated
Trigger	fatalities per capita	fatalities per capita	Median state Fatalities AND S Injuries / capita
Level of trigger	MPO (and areas)	State and urbanized areas	States and Large MPOs
Funding to MPO	yes- suballocation	yes- suballocated	no
VRU Assessment	n/a	incentivized	required

Focus on Safe Systems/ Speed reduction - House bill National Road Safety Assessment

LEAGUE PRIORITIES

Topic	Senate	House	Potential gains?
Improve Connectivity/ No SOV	pilot project better data	performance measure, Comp Streets guidance fix it first policy	Comp. Streets standards?
Equity in investment?	Community Connectivity program	Grant requirements on equity, envi justice	Need coalition expertise
Equity in Enforcement			HIghway Safety Grants
Transportation Alternatives		Address transferability	Transferability in Sen. Equity lens
System changes in Safety			Strengthen proposal
AV Safety			Same ask



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System changes in Safety	1			Strengthen proposal,
Improve Connectivity	2			Strengthen Senate?
AV Safety	2	N/A		Same ask
Resilience - Climate	3		Ø Ø Ø	Increase climate ask
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FUNDING INCREASE?

	116th Ask	Senate	House	New ask
TA	10%	10%	10%	Stay percentage
Safety	Proportional to program	\$250 m/year	\$247 m/year	Increase/ percentage of program
CAAT/ trails and networks	\$2.5 Billion over 5 years	N/A	\$250 million	
Clilmate		\$600 m/year	\$8.3 Billion/year	



OUR PRIORITIES



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Top Findings

- Equity rose to the top for funding, policy (2ndary transpo and non-transportation), and vehicle safety
- Reducing SOV capacity and Connectivity were top policy
- Help with local match, local control** underperformed.
- Tax rebates got significantly more support than commuter benefits
- Otherwise similar to last year's platform

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Asked- should this be:

Top League priority	League leads on development/ builds coalition or take leads in existing coalition
Secondary priority	League actively advocates on behalf/ works through a coalitlon Look for opportunity
Nominally supported	Signs group letters, help with coalition Look for opportunity
League should be neutral	
League should NOT support	
Don't know/ need to know more	



FUNDING PRIORITY

Priority	Top Funding issues
1	Equity lens in all funding
	Safaty funda for hika/nad
2	Safety funds for bike/ped
3	Increase funding for bike/ped
4	Help with local match
F	Make education eligible for safety funds
5	Make education eligible for safety funds
6	Federal lands



Priority	Top policy issues	Other policies
		Shift enforcement programs to
	Fix it first (no new SOV	non-police enforcement /
1	capacity)	education
2	Connectivity	Incentivize health in planning
	Better data / Get rid of 85th	
3	percentile	Allow bikes on transit
4		Bikes in resiliency plans
5	Reduce GHG emissions	Easy bike access on Amtrak
6	Local control	



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2	Safety funds for bike/ped	Connectivity	ADAS tested with bicycling	Incentivize health in planning	Bike benefit	more traffic stop
3	Increase funding for bike/ped	Better data / Get rid of 85th percentile (Speed)	Underride guard	Allow bikes on transit	non-driving benefit	Phys Activity promotion
4	Help with local match	(Tied)	Hoods and bumpers	Bikes in resiliency plans		non-transpo GHG
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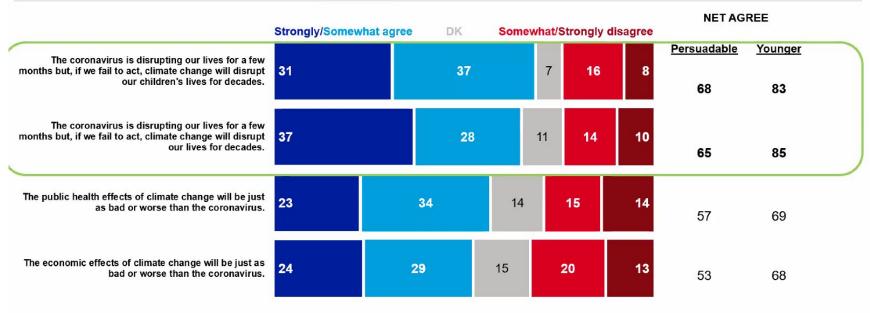


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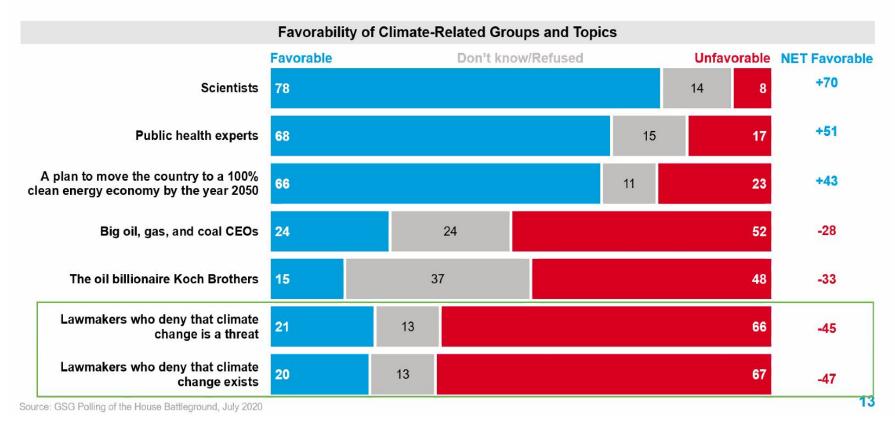
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WHAT CAN WE PUSH FOR: More conservative House, Senate?

Hold, build on TA gains

Transferability and accountability

Improve safety portion

- Affect more of HSIP?
- Highway Safety Plan requirement?
- Defining VRU assessment/
- National Road Safety Assessment
- Non-police enforcement

NHTSA

402/405 Highway Safety Grants

- Non-police enforcement?

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WHAT CAN WE PUSH FOR: More conservative House, Senate?

Equity

- Equity lens for spending
 - bike/ped or bigger?
- Connectivity/Access
 - direct funding to improve networks.
- 402/405 Highway Safety Grants

Policy

- Complete Streets much stronger in House bill
- Fix it first- what's the midpoint
- Strengthen Performance Measures



WHAT CAN ADVOCATES DO NOW?

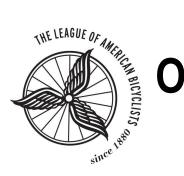


STIMULUS VS REAUTHORIZATION

	Stimulus	Reauthorization	
Policy Change	some possible	Significant	
Funding boost	One time push (across all programs)	5 year incremental increases	
Bi- partisan support?	Less likely	More likely	
Empower US DOT	possibly temporarily	Yes	
System Change?	little	Yes	

Conditions for stimulus:

- Economic downturn
- Reauthorization stalled
- Republicans willing to deficit spend



OTHER POLICY AREAS

Climate

Bicycle Commuter Benefit E-bike tax rebate

Health care

Cigarette type tax to improve High Injury Networks

Employer Benefits

Policy promotion for complete streets



COVID RELIEF



RELIEF VS. RECOVERY

COVID RELIEF

- Keeping services running
- people employed

Airlines- continued CARES package

Transit- \$32 billion (CARES- \$25 billion)

State DOTS-\$37 billion

COVID RECOVERY

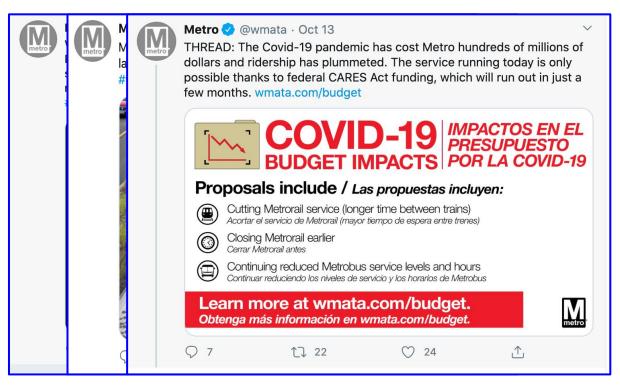
- Rebuild economy
- Create new jobs

 Could be in the form of Reauthorization
 OR

-Additional funding



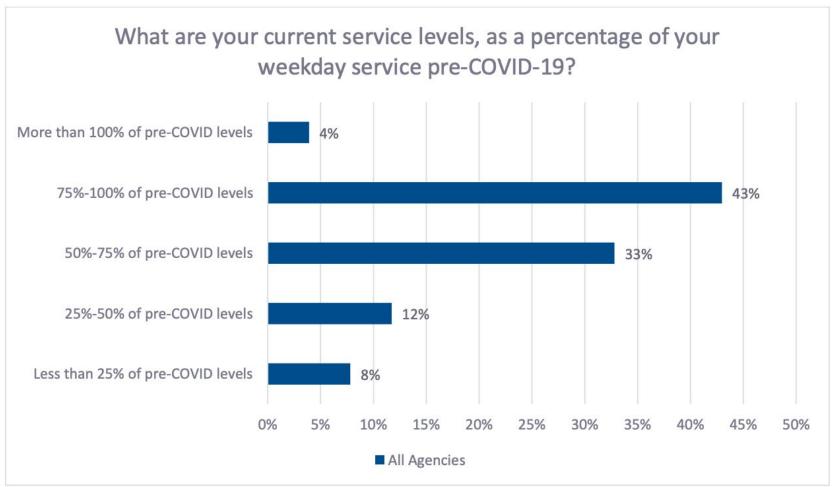
TRANSIT IN COVID



- 10s of thousands of staff infected, 100s of deaths
- Increased costs for cleaning and PPE
- Free fares, less ridership= reduced revenue



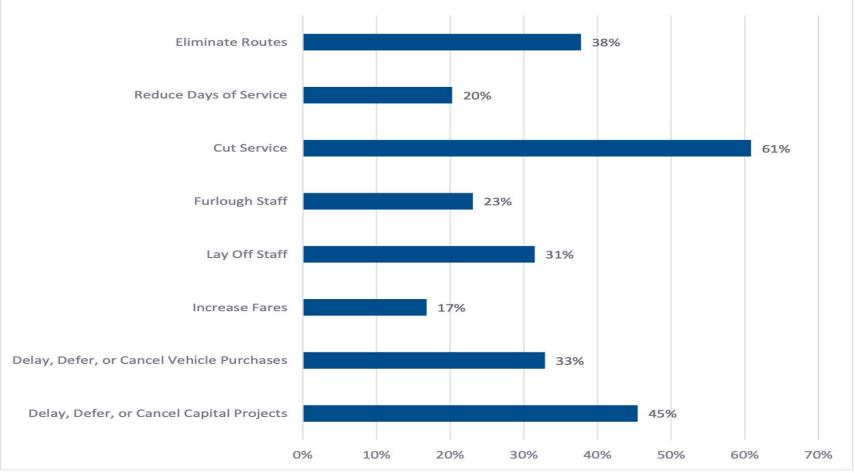
APTA STUDY ON COVID EFFECTS





APTA STUDY ON COVID







HEROES 2- \$32 BILLION FOR TRANSIT

- 18.5 Billion Apportioned according to Urbanized Area Formula
 - CARES funds+ Heroes funds can equal up to 100% of 2018's annual operating costs.
 - Any funds over 100% will be redistributed to agencies where the funding is under 100%

\$10 Billion- Public transportation emergency relief fund 5324

- For recipients that require additional operations

\$2.5 Billion - for CIG 2019-2020 Grantees

\$750 Million- Rural transportation program

\$250 Million - paratransit



WHERE WE ARE NOW

House- Heroes \$2.4 Trillion

- Includes transit and airlines relief
- Also significant aid for state and local government

Senate- "Skinny Relief Bill"- \$500 Billion

- No transit aid included
- No aid for state and local governments

Pelosi bargaining with Administration (not with McConnell)

Stated that deal must be made by Tuesday....

If we don't get relief before the election, likely we won't see new relief until next calendar year.



TRANSIT RESEARCH GRANTS

Federal Transit Administration

- Announced \$10 million in grants to research COVID spread on transit
- to mitigate spreading the coronavirus on transit and boost public confidence

Notice of Funding Opportunity

- Includes language that NOFO that anarchist cities need not apply



TRANSIT IN COVID RELIEF...

Transit is in the House bill-

Push your delegation to include transit relief

Gardner office is non-committal in support of transit in COVID relief.





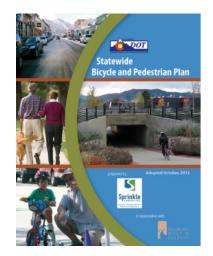
PRACTITIONER VIEWPOINT

Document

- What works and what doesn't
- in current federal programs

Share that with Congressional offices

- Fix existing issues
- Make new initiatives work better





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BUILD RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

It doesn't have to (only) be in a lobbying role

Become a resource - consider a once a month regular email to district/ transportation staffer

- Any exciting new projects
- A short overview of your plan
 - What's coming
 - What federal programs or grants you are using, how it's going

As new proposals come out - let them know how it would affect your work

Consider inviting staffer or official to events





THANK YOU

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