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

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AGENDA

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
BUILD A MODERN INFRASTRUCTURE (CLIMATE)

- 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)
REVOLUTIONIZE TRANSIT

- 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.
Biden is committed to having the most diverse cabinet in history
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,
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

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<td>Cityfi</td>
<td>Polly Trottenberg</td>
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<td>Jeff Marootian</td>
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https://buildbackbetter.com/the-transition/agency-review-teams/
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

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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
The Good news- Bipartisan support for bicycling and walking
  Transportation Alternatives funding
  Interest/ informal understanding on safety
  - (particularly pedestrian safety)
  -

Will what we won stay in bill?
  Transportation alternatives changes
  Bike/ped safety changes

If and where we can we expand?
  - Democrats interested in more robust equity language
  - Republican stance on climate?
SENATE

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

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## Environment and Public Works Committee - Senate

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SENATE EPW LEADERSHIP

Chair Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)

Priorities
- 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

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

House floor vote

Conference Committee

House floor vote

President Signs

HOUSE

Committee Process
- Transportation & Infrastructure policy
- Ways & Means - funding

Senate floor vote

House floor vote
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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?

- **Increase**: 60%
  - Democrats: 67%
  - Republicans: 52%
  - Independents: 62%

- **Maintain**: 28%
  - Democrats: 20%
  - Republicans: 36%
  - Independents: 33%

- **Decrease**: 7%
  - Democrats: 5%
  - Republicans: 5%
  - Independents: 1%

**By Region**:
- **Urban**: 63%
  - Increase: 63%
  - Maintain: 22%
  - Decrease: 6%
- **Suburban**: 61%
  - Increase: 30%
  - Maintain: 30%
  - Decrease: 3%
- **Rural**: 55%
  - Increase: 31%
  - Maintain: 31%
  - Decrease: 6%
- **Northeast**: 66%
  - Increase: 66%
  - Maintain: 18%
  - Decrease: 7%
- **Midwest**: 57%
  - Increase: 32%
  - Maintain: 57%
  - Decrease: 5%
- **South**: 59%
  - Increase: 30%
  - Maintain: 59%
  - Decrease: 3%
- **West**: 60%
  - Increase: 28%
  - Maintain: 60%
  - Decrease: 4%
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<td>Focus on climate, multimodal (b/p)</td>
<td>How involved will they be in legislation?</td>
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<td><strong>USDOT</strong></td>
<td>Concerned with safety - Bikeway Design Guide</td>
<td>Culture for Multimodalism climate, equity focus</td>
<td>When will they be up and running?</td>
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<td>Not a multimodal culture</td>
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<td><strong>House</strong></td>
<td>Revolutionary climate bill - prescriptive - results based $$</td>
<td>(small?) shift away from support prescriptive policy</td>
<td>How anti-climate will Republicans be without Trump?</td>
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<td><strong>Senate</strong></td>
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<td>Funding for infrastructure - reauth or stimulus?</td>
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<td>Bike boom has not brought increased support for investment</td>
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<td>Will we see public push for more investment?</td>
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CREATING LEAGUE PLATFORM
PROCESS OF PLATFORM CREATION

GATHER INFO FROM STAKEHOLDERS (Sept-Oct)
- Work with Leadership Circle to devise survey
- Send survey to stakeholders

DEVELOP DRAFT PLATFORM GOALS (Oct- Nov)
- Work with Leadership Circle to Interpret results
- Use survey, and environment to create Legislative goals
- Talk through with key allies

SHARE WITH BROADER COALITION (Nov- Jan)
- 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
- League capacity

What should be the League’s 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.
TAKEAWAYS

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
NEXT STEPS

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
-
Strong agreement that climate will disrupt our lives much longer than COVID. Solid agreement that climate impacts will be just as bad.

Finally, below is a list of statements about climate change and coronavirus. For each, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with that statement.

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Source: GSG Polling of persuadable and younger voter is the presidential battleground, May 2020
Americans think highly of scientists and public health experts; dislike oil/gas/coal CEOs, the Kochs, and lawmakers who deny climate change

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<th>Favorability of Climate-Related Groups and Topics</th>
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<td>Public health experts</td>
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Source: GSG Polling of the House Battleground, July 2020
If Republicans control Senate, unlikely there will be funding for both

Biden Administration see reauthorization as transportation stimulus (different from relief)

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<td>Empower US DOT</td>
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WHAT CAN ADVOCATES DO NOW?
“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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Questions?

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## TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES

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<td>Median state Fatalities AND S Injuries / capita</td>
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<td>MPO (and areas)</td>
<td>State and urbanized areas</td>
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Focus on Safe Systems/ Speed reduction - House bill

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SURVEY OF STATE AND LOCAL BIKE ADVOCACY ORGS

Results will be used to determine our asks:
- In combination with membership survey, stakeholder survey
- League capacity

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

Open ended questions, policy priorities
- Equity,
  - Local control related questions
  - Connectivity policies
TAKE-AWAYS

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 SOV capacity
- Also equity component
- Ensure fix it first includes bike/ped access
WHAT CAN ADVOCATES DO NOW?
### RATING SYSTEM

**Asker- should this be:**

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Finally, below is a list of statements about climate change and coronavirus. For each, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with that statement.

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Source: GSG Polling of persuadable and younger voter is the presidential battleground, May 2020
Americans think highly of scientists and public health experts; dislike oil/gas/coal CEOs, the Kochs, and lawmakers who deny climate change

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Source: GSG Polling of the House Battleground, July 2020
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?
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

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### 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
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TRANSIT IN COVID

- 10s of thousands of staff infected, 100s of deaths
- Increased costs for cleaning and PPE
- Free fares, less ridership = reduced revenue
What are your current service levels, as a percentage of your weekday service pre-COVID-19?

- More than 100% of pre-COVID levels: 4%
- 75%-100% of pre-COVID levels: 43%
- 50%-75% of pre-COVID levels: 33%
- 25%-50% of pre-COVID levels: 12%
- Less than 25% of pre-COVID levels: 8%
If Congress and the Administration do not provide up to $32 billion in additional emergency transit funding by October 15, which of the following actions are you considering?

- Eliminate Routes: 38%
- Reduce Days of Service: 20%
- Cut Service: 61%
- Furlough Staff: 23%
- Lay Off Staff: 31%
- Increase Fares: 17%
- Delay, Defer, or Cancel Vehicle Purchases: 33%
- Delay, Defer, or Cancel Capital Projects: 45%
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 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
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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