February 14, 2012

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader Reid and Minority Leader McConnell:

America’s transportation system is a matter of vital national importance, playing a critical role in our economic competitiveness and growth over the last fifty years. Yet our nation lacks a clearly articulated transportation vision to guide our future infrastructure investments. The current fiscal environment makes it more important than ever to spend transportation dollars in a manner that is both accountable and transparent.

For these reasons, we ask you to support the National Surface Transportation and Freight Policy Act (Title XII of S. 1950) as you consider the upcoming surface transportation authorization bill on the floor of the U.S. Senate. This legislation will help ensure we take the critical steps necessary to develop a performance-driven national transportation program. It will ensure a comprehensive national strategy for breaking gridlock, reducing fatality rates, reducing our dependence on foreign oil, and efficiently moving goods and people while improving access, quality of life, and public health.

For the first time in more than twenty years the surface transportation authorization bill being considered in Congress does not significantly increase transportation investments. Establishing a national vision and performance measures will help ensure that we are making the most of our limited transportation funds. We applaud the steps that have been taken by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and the Senate Banking Committee to establish performance measures for the highway and transit programs respectively. The measures included in the National Surface Transportation and Freight Policy Act will help ensure we have overarching goals and objectives for our nation’s multimodal transportation system.

This Act also includes key provisions to improve the nation’s transportation system. It would help ensure that new transportation facilities built with federal funds will safely accommodate all users. This will help reduce traffic-related fatalities on our roadways, which totaled more than 411,000 over the last decade. The Act would also establish a multimodal grant program to help improve goods movement, which would award grants to projects using a merit-based process that considers mobility, innovation, environment and public health.

We hope that you will support the development of national transportation goals and objectives to ensure we are working to meet a national vision for our transportation system in addition to other important provisions in the National Surface Transportation and Freight Policy Act. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
National Organizations

AARP
Alliance for Biking & Walking
America Bikes
American Public Health Association
The American Society of Landscape Architects
Amtrak
Association for Commuter Transportation
Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL)
Center for Neighborhood Technology
Center for Rural Strategies
CEOs for Cities
Congress for the New Urbanism
Gamaliel
Institute for Transportation & Development Policy
International Downtown Association
League of American Bicyclists
League of Conservation Voters
League of Rural Voters
LOCUS: Responsible Real Estate Developers and Investors
National Association of City Transportation Officials
National Complete Streets Coalition
The National Council on Independent Living
National Housing Conference
Natural Resources Defense Council
PolicyLink
Rails to Trails Conservancy
Reconnecting America
Regional Plan Association
Safe Routes to School National Partnership
Sierra Club
Smart Growth America
Transportation for America
Transportation Equity Network (TEN)
Trust for America's Health
United Spinal Association
Upstream Public Health
The Urban Land Institute
U.S. High Speed Rail Association
U.S. Public Interest Research Group (PIRG)
YouthBuild USA
Regional Organizations
Midwest High Speed Rail Association
Southern Environmental Law Center

State/Local Organizations

Alabama
Conservation Alabama

Arizona
Arizona PIRG

California
California Bicycle Coalition
California League of Conservation Voters
California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
California PIRG
California Public Health Association-North
California WALKS
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Stockton
Center For Independence Of Individuals with Disabilities
Greenbelt Alliance
Local Government Commission
Marin County Bicycle Coalition
Move San Diego
Redwood Coast Rural Action
Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District
SPUR
Ubuntu Green
WALKSacrament
Walk Oakland Bike Oakland

Colorado
Colorado PIRG

Connecticut
Connecticut PIRG

Florida
BikeWalkLee
Florida PIRG
Smart Growth Partnership

Georgia
Georgia PIRG

Illinois
The Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children (a program of Children's Memorial Hospital)
Illinois PIRG

Indiana
Health by Design
Indiana Citizens' Alliance for Transit

Iowa
Iowa PIRG

Massachusetts
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RAIL Solution

Washington
Washington PIRG

Wisconsin
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