



February 29, 2012



Dear Senator,

We are writing to request your support for the Cardin/Cochran amendment to MAP-21, to ensure local access to Transportation Enhancement (TE) and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funds. This amendment will ensure the **effective implementation** of TE and SRTS eligibilities by **empowering local governments** through suballocation of funds to Tier I metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs). In addition, for localities outside of Tier I MPOs, the amendment provides a streamlined administrative structure for a statewide pool set aside for these activities. At the same time, the amendment **improves capacity** for state departments of transportation (DOTs) to partner with locals.

Since 1992, the Transportation Enhancements program has brought tremendous benefits to local communities through improved transportation choice, economic development, historic revitalization, and environmental restoration of the surface transportation system. This program enjoys **broad local support** in every state. For example, just in one area in Florida, 13 counties, cities and transportation agencies in and around Daytona Beach have passed resolutions supporting federal investment in TE. Local communities also support TE because of the job-creation benefits these projects provide; a recent American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials/Transportation Research Board study found that TE projects create **more jobs per dollar** than any other type of Federal-aid highway spending. However, a major challenge for state DOTs in implementing this program has been the local-scale orientation of the eligible activities, a non-traditional area for state DOTs. There is limited capacity at the state level for addressing these myriad, sometimes competing, priorities. The Cardin/Cochran amendment resolves these issues in an elegant, win-win modification of the original bill language.

The Safe Routes to School program similarly benefits local communities by targeting specific schools for infrastructure improvements and educational programs that promote safety. The simple fact is that in the early 1970's, half of all American kids walked or biked to school; now the figure is only 15 percent. The SRTS program has been profoundly influential in empowering a grassroots movement to turn around this trend. **Parents know best** what is needed to create safe conditions for their children to walk and bike to school – the Cardin/Cochran amendment brings these decisions closer to them. Every dollar in MAP-21 available to help children be active and safe should be spent in the most efficient way possible, and the Cardin/Cochran amendment will achieve this.







THE GREENWAY COLLABORATIVE, INC.



Coastal Trails Coalition



Friends of the Northern Rail Trail
in Merrimack County



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National Organizations

AARP
Adventure Cycling
Alliance for Bicycling and Walking
America Bikes
America Walks
American Cultural Resources Association
American Heart Association
American Horse Council
American Public Health Association
American Recreation Coalition
American Rivers
American Society of Landscape Architects
American Trails
American YouthWorks
America's State Parks
Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals
Bicycle Technologies International
Bikes Belong
Camelbak
Choose Outdoors
City Parks Alliance
Coalition for Recreational Trails
Diamondback Bicycles
Dirt Rag Magazine
Equine Land Conservation Resource
eXpertycity
Institute for Transportation Development and Policy
International Mountain Biking Association
League of American Bicyclists
League of Conservation Voters
National Bicycle Dealers Association
National Center for Bicycling and Walking
National Complete Streets Coalition
National Recreation and Park Association
National Trust for Historic Preservation
National Wildlife Federation
Natural Resources Defense Council
Outdoor Alliance
Pedal America
Performance Bicycle
PermaTrak North America
Preservation Action
Professional Trailbuilders Association
Public Health Law and Policy
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
Raleigh America
Ride America for Safe Routes
Safe Kids Worldwide
Safe Routes to School National Partnership
Shimano American Corporation
Sierra Club
Society for Historical Archaeology
SockGuy
SRAM
Student Conservation Association
The Corps Network
Trailsnet.com
Transportation for America
Trust for America's Health
Yeti Cycles
YMCA of the USA

Regional Organizations

Appalachian Mountain Club (CT, DE, DC, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, VA, WV)
The Arkansas River Coalition (AR, CO, KS, OK)
East Coast Greenway Alliance (CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, VA)
Landscape Architects & Planners, Inc. (OH, IL, IN, MI)
Mississippi River Trail, Inc. (AR, IL, IA, KY, LA, MN, MS, MO, TN, WI)
Southwest Conservation Corps (AZ, CO, NM)
Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway (CA, NV)
Trail Spinners (DE, MD, PA)
Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area (CT, MA)
Upper Valley Trails Alliance (NH, VT)

State Organizations

Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists (AZ)	Indiana State Alliance of YMCAs (IN)
California Bicycle Coalition (CA)	Kansas State Alliance of YMCAs (KS)
California State Alliance of YMCAs (CA)	Kentucky State Alliance of YMCAs (KY)
California Trails and Greenways Foundation (CA)	Louisiana Landmarks Society (LA)
Cycle California! Magazine (CA)	Louisiana State Alliance of YMCAs (LA)
Ecology Action (CA)	Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition (MA)
TransForm (CA)	Preservation Maryland (MD)
Colorado High School Cycling League (CO)	Child Safety Solutions (ME)
Colorado State Alliance of YMCAs (CO)	Maine Chapter of the International Appalachian Trail (ME)
Bike Walk Connecticut (CT)	Maine Conservation Voters (ME)
Connecticut Main Street Center (CT)	Maine People's Alliance (ME)
Delaware Council on Greenways & Trails (DE)	Natural Resources Council of Maine (ME)
Delaware Equine Council – Trails Committee (DE)	Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance (MI)
Florida State Alliance of YMCAs (FL)	Motor City Tour Company, LLC (MI)
Florida Trail Association (FL)	State Alliance of Michigan YMCAs (MI)
Georgia State Alliance of YMCAs (GA)	Preservation Alliance of Minnesota (MN)
Iowa State Alliance of YMCAs (IA)	Missouri State Alliance of YMCAs (MO)
Idaho Conservation League (ID)	Mississippi Main Street Association (MS)
Idaho Pedestrian and Bicycle Alliance (ID)	Mississippi State Alliance of YMCAs (MS)
Idaho State Alliance of YMCAs (ID)	Montana Conservation Corps (MT)
Illinois State Alliance of YMCAs (IL)	Montana State Alliance of YMCAs (MT)
Health by Design (IN)	

Friends of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail (NC)
North Carolina State Alliance of YMCAs (NC)
Nebraska Trails Council (NE)
New Jersey Trails Council (NJ)
New Jersey YMCA State Alliance (NJ)
Alliance of New York State YMCAs (NY)
Parks & Trails New York (NY)
Ohio State Alliance of YMCAs (OH)
Pioneering Healthier Communities Ohio (OH)
Oklahoma State Alliance of YMCAs (OK)
Bicycle Transportation Alliance (OR)
Oregon Bicycle Racing Association (OR)
Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PA)
JAYCEE Education & Library Foundation of

Rhode Island (RI)
South Carolina Horsemen's Council (SC)
South Carolina State Alliance of YMCAs (SC)
South Dakota State Alliance of YMCAs (SD)
Tennessee Preservation Trust (TN)
Tennessee State Alliance of YMCAs (TN)
Preservation Texas, Inc. (TX)
Texas Recreation and Park Society (TX)
Texas YMCA State Alliance (TX)
Utah Conservation Corps (UT)
Utah State Alliance of Ys (UT)
Washington State Alliance of YMCAs
(WA)
Wisconsin/UP YMCA State Alliance (WI)

Local Organizations

Baldwin County Trailblazers (AL)
Dothan Leisure Services (AL)
Limestone County Park and Recreation
Board (AL)
Historic Park Hill Neighborhood Association (AR)
Phat Tire Bike Shop (AR)
Absolute Bikes (AZ)
TRACKS (AZ)
Yavapai Trails Association (AZ)
Amigos de los Rios (CA)
Bay Area Bicycle Coalition (CA)
Bay Area Ridge Trail (CA)
Bellfree Contractors, Inc. (CA)
Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay (CA)
Bike San Gabriel Valley (CA)
California Public Health Association-North (CA)
Cycling Camps San Diego (CA)
East Bay Area Trails Council (CA)
East Bay Bicycle Coalition (CA)
Family Cycling Center (CA)

Fresno County Economic Opportunities
Commission (CA)
Friends of the El Dorado Trail (CA)
Hilride (CA)
Humboldt Trails Council (CA)
Kirkwood Mountain Resort LLC (CA)
Local Government Commission (CA)
Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition (CA)
Marin County Bicycle Coalition (CA)
McCloud Local First Network (CA)
Move San Diego (CA)
Napa County Bicycle Coalition (CA)
Natural Resources Division of Redwood
Community Action Agency (CA)
RRM Design Group (CA)
Ryan Snyder Associates (CA)
San Diego Bicycle Coalition (CA)
San Francisco Bay Trail (CA)
San Francisco Bicycle Coalition (CA)
San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Coalition (CA)

Santa Cruz Bicycle Industry Coalition (CA)
Santa Cruz County Friends of the Rail Trail (CA)
Save Our Heritage Organisation (CA)
Sierra Buttes Trails Stewardship (CA)
Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition (CA)
The City Project (CA)
Transportation Agency for Monterey
County (CA)
WalkSanDiego (CA)
Wilderness Trail Bikes (CA)
Alchemist (CO)
Avid4 Adventure (CO)
BetterRide, Inc. (CO)
Boulder Bike Tours (CO)
City of Boulder (CO)
Cycles of Life (CO)
Everest Realty (CO)
Giant Cycling World (CO)
Mile Hi Rafting (CO)
New Freedom Corporation (CO)
Real Winter Park Inc (CO)
SAK LLC Beavers Sports Shop, Ski4less, Snow
Mountain Sports (CO)
The Trailhead and Trailhead Cycle & Ski (CO)
Tin Shed Sports (CO)
Winter Park Resort (CO)
Bike & Pedestrian Alliance of Clinton (CT)
Wooden Wheels (DE)
A1A Cycle Works (FL)
Naples Pathways Coalition (FL)
Alpha Bikes (GA)
Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation, Inc. (GA)
Cycle World Albany (GA)
Family Life Chiropractic Center (GA)
Goldens Bicycle Shop (GA)
West Maui Cycles (HI)
Hawkeye Bicycle Association (IA)
The Bike Shop Inc (IA)
Two Knobby Tires (IA)
Brundage Mtn Co (ID)

Friends of the Weiser River Trail (ID)
Galena Lodge (ID)
Latah Trail Foundation (ID)
Lookout Pass Ski & Recreation Area (ID)
Nampa Bicycle & Pedestrian Citizens Advisory (ID)
Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute (ID)
Valley County Pathways (ID)
Vertical Earth LLC (ID)
YRU Contracting Inc (ID)
Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria (IL)
B & O Trail Association (IN)
Gray Goat Sports (IN)
Northwest Indiana Paddling Association (IN)
Bicycle Pedaler (KS)
GreenWay Alliance (KS)
Oz Bicycle Club (KS)
Prairie Travelers (KS)
The Bike\Walk Alliance-Witchita (KS)
Preservation Louisville (KY)
Reser Bicycle, LLC (KY)
Dana Brown & Associates (LA)
Moore Planning Group, LLC (LA)
Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans (LA)
City of Newburyport – Office of Planning and
Development (MA)
Coastal Trails Coalition (MA)
Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (MA)
Great Barrington Housatonic River Walk (MA)
Great Barrington Trails and Greenways (MA)
Groundwork Lawrence (MA)
Lake Gardner Improvement Association (MA)
Squannacook Greenways, Inc. (MA)
Bike Doctor (MD)
Bike Doctor Linthicum (MD)
Portland Trails (ME)
Beckett & Raeder (MI)
Calhoun County Trailway Alliance (MI)
Charter Township of Oakland (MI)
City of Ann Arbor (MI)
City of Rochester Hills (MI)

Eaton County Parks (MI)
Friends of the Betsie Valley Trail (MI)
Friends of the Clinton River Trail (MI)
Iron Ore Heritage Trail (MI)
North Country Bicycle Club (MI)
Paul Henry Thornapple Trail
Association (MI)
Scio Township Paths Technical Advisory
Committee (MI)
St. Joseph County Parks & Recreation
Commission (MI)
The Greenway Collaborative, Inc. (MI)
Top of Michigan Trails Council (MI)
Continental Ski and Bike (MN)
Country Inn Deerwood (MN)
Cycle Path & Paddle (MN)
Superior North Outdoor Center (MN)
Transit for Livable Communities (MN)
Forest Lake Area Trail System (MO)
Historic Kansas City Foundation (MO)
Missouri Main Street Connection (MO)
Ozark Greenways (MO)
PedNet Coalition, Inc. (MO)
Walt's Bicycle, Fitness, and Wilderness Co
(MO)
Active Transportation Alternatives (MT)
Beartooth Recreational Trails Association
(MT)
City of Bozeman (MT)
Colstrip Park and Recreation District (MT)
Grant Creek Trails Association, Inc. (MT)
Green & Green Realty (MT)
Helena Bicycle Club (MT)
Lewiston Trails Coordinating Committee (MT)
Missoula Parks & Recreation (MT)
Seeley Lake Nordic Club (MT)
First Flight Bikes (NC)
Heart of Brevard (NC)
Native Trails, Inc. (NC)
Ski Country Sports (NC)

Triangle Greenways Council (NC)
Yadkin River Greenway (NC)
Dakota Cyclery Mountain Bike Adventures (ND)
Alliance Area Family YMCA (NE)
Columbus Family Y (NE)
Fremont Family Y (NE)
Main Street Kearney (NE)
McCook YMCA (NE)
Norm Waitt Sr. YMCA (NE)
Scottsbluff Family YMCA (NE)
Friends of the Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack
County (NH)
Likin' Bikin' LLC (NH)
Littleton Bike & Fitness (NH)
Somerset County Horse & Pony Association (NJ)
Sussex Bike & Sport Shop (NJ)
Friends of the Edgewood – Oak Brush Plains (NY)
Go Ride A Bike (NY)
Long Island Greenways and Healthy Trails (NY)
Muttontown Horsemen's Association (NY)
The Bike Rack (NY)
The Serpentine Art and Nature Commons,
Inc. (NY)
Cleveland Restoration Society (OH)
InMotion Bicycle Shop LLC (OH)
Montgomery Cyclery, Inc. (OH)
City of Eugene (OR)
City of Springfield (OR)
Cog Wild Mountain Bike Tours (OR)
Greater Eugene Area Riders (OR)
Seaside Chamber of Commerce (OR)
Single Track LLC (OR)
Freeze Thaw Cycles (PA)
Ironton Rail-Trail Oversight Commission (PA)
Central Rhode Island JAYCEES (RI)
Kent County Junior Chamber (RI)
Historic Charleston Foundation (SC)
Mississippi River Corridor – TN (TN)
Ride Royal Blue ATV Resort and
Campground (TN)

Aggieland Cycling (TX)
Arrowhead Bicycles, LLC (TX)
Bike Masters LLC (TX)
Bikesport (TX)
Mad Duck Cyclery (TX)
San Antonio Conservation Society (TX)
Wild Planet Earth Adventures, dba Desert
Sports (TX)
Chile Pepper Bike Shop (UT)
Grand Staircase Escalante Partners (UT)
Weber Pathways (UT)
Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory
Committee (VA)
East Coasters Bike Shop (VA)
Shenandoah Bicycle Company (VA)

The Bike Lane (VA)
Feet First (WA)
Cascade Bicycle Club (WA)
Eatonville Outdoor (WA)
Ferry County Rail Trail Partners (WA)
Inland Northwest Trails Association (WA)
Kulshan Cycles (WA)
Lewis County Community Trails (WA)
The Broken Spoke Bicycle Shop (WA)
Wildlife Cycles (WA)
Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival (WI)
Big Bear Lake Camplands (WV)
Goosewing Ranch (WY)
KGB Productions (WY)