



"AFFORDABLE MASS TRANSIT FOR EVERY AMERICAN WHO NEEDS IT"

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WHO WE ARE

PURPOSE

Mass transit is an essential service which must be not only be maintained, but expanded. There exists a national transit funding crisis that has been exacerbated by the Great Recession, which is jeopardizing the recovery and growth of our country's new economy. Transit jobs are green jobs and sustainable low carbon transportation is a necessity for the welfare of our nation. Immediate federal action is required to roll back impending service cuts, fare hikes and job losses. Finally, we must achieve the passage of a new transportation authorization bill, which recognizes and adequately rewards the enormous benefits and value of mass transit.

MISSION

Through the passage of federal legislation, Keep America Moving intends to do just that: keep America moving. In the short-term, we are working to secure language in a second stimulus bill granting transit agencies 100% flexibility of funds for operating expenses. In the long-term, we will work with Congressional leaders to pass a new transportation authorization bill with equitable funding ratios and match requirements based on criteria recognizing the country's future transportation and infrastructure needs, as well as providing operating flexibility to agencies that serve populations greater than 200,000.

WE WILL ACCOMPLISH THIS BY HIGHLIGHTING

Economic Recovery / Stability - Reports have shown that 36,000 jobs are created and supported for every billion dollars invested in public transit and that number is even greater when the monies are used for operating expenses. Also, the average American family that lives in a location-efficient environment, served by mass transit, has an extra 16% in disposable income available in its budget which can be spent on goods and services as opposed to paying for transportation in auto-dependent exurbs.

Green Jobs - Mass transportation is a green industry. To be a transit worker is to have a green job, which is integral to our new green economy.

Reduced Dependence on Foreign Oil - The US transportation system currently consumes approximately 70% of the nation's oil usage and is almost entirely dependent upon petroleum based fuels.

Livable Communities - Development should represent the needs of residents, including bicyclists and pedestrians. Use and expansion of mass transit results in decreased congestion. In concert with mass transit, a focus on "complete streets" will improve the health and safety of all Americans.

Climate Change - Mass transit is part of the solution. It is the perfect combination of resource efficiency and resource sufficiency - which creates sustainable consumption.

Civil Rights - The enacted and impending severe cuts to mass transit all across America disproportionately affect lower income households (e.g., Afro-American, Latino and immigrant communities) as well as people with physical disabilities.

OUR COALITION

(LIST IN FORMATION)

Amalgamated Transit Union; Transport Workers Union of America; Rainbow/Push Coalition; Transportation for America; Transportation Equity Network; ATU Locals 22, 113, 192, 268, 589, 689, 726, 823, 825, 1056, 1179, 1300, 1321, 1700; DC 37 Local 375 AFSCME; IAMAW LIRR, District 15 Local 754; IBT Local 808; NCFD/SEIU 32BJ; TBTA Local 1931; TBTA SOBA; TCU Air Unit 86; TWU Locals 100, 252; UTU Local 1440; Sierra Club NYC; WEACT; Tri-State Transportation Campaign; NYPIRG Straphangers Campaign; Transportation Alternatives