Today’s Presenters

Kevin Mills
Vice President of Policy,
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

Noa Banayan
Federal Affairs Manager,
PeopleForBikes

Marianne Fowler
Senior Strategist for Policy Advocacy,
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

Brandi Horton
Vice President of Communications,
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

Caron Whitaker
Vice President of Government Relations,
League of American Bicyclists

Patrick Wojahn
Director of Government Relations,
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

railstotrails.org
Reauthorization Framework

1. Investing in Active Transportation Connectivity
   Connecting America’s Active Transportation System Act (H.R. 5696)

2. Growing Transportation Alternatives
   Transportation Alternatives Enhancements Act (H.R. 5231)

3. Tripling Funding for the Recreational Trails Program
   RTP Full Funding Act of 2020 (H.R. 5797)

4. Funding Active Transportation Projects on Public Lands
   Active Transportation for Public Lands Act (H.R. 5642)
Growing Transportation Alternatives

Transportation Alternatives Enhancements Act (H.R. 5231)

- Increase Transportation Alternatives, the largest source of federal funding for trails, walking and biking
- Curb transfers out of program to prioritize use for developing safe places to walk and bike
Tripling Funding for the Recreational Trails Program

RTP Full Funding Act of 2020 (H.R. 5797)

- Recreational Trails Program is the only federal funding source that supports trail maintenance

railstotrails.org
Investing in Active Transportation Connectivity

Connecting America’s Active Transportation System Act (H.R. 5696)

- Establishes $500 million annually in funding for active transportation connectivity
- Funds can support active transportation networks within communities and spines between communities (at least 30% of funds for each)
- Focused on supporting plans for connected infrastructure to increase walking and biking
Funding Active Transportation Projects on Public Lands

Active Transportation for Public Lands Act (H.R. 5642)

- Set aside 5% of both the Federal Lands Transportation Program and the Federal Lands Access Program for active transportation
- Will fund construction, planning and design of walking and biking facilities to accommodate all non-drivers
Action Plan

1. Coordinated Message
2. Place In-District Press
3. Demonstrate Public Support
4. Create Social Media Buzz @ + #
5. Emphasize Local Projects/Impact
6. Directly Ask Congress for Support

Resources
• railstotrails.org/trailstransform
• rectrails.org
• http://rtc.li/trailstransformtoolkit
• govtrack.us

Hashtags
#trailstransform
#movingamericaforward