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**HOW YOU CAN IMPACT THE NEXT
FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION BILL
WEBINAR**

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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

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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

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ICYMI: The Connecting America's Active Transportation Act was introduced earlier this month—this transformative bill would provide \$500 mill for creating trails + active transportation networks. [#TrailsTransform](#) [#MovingForward](#)

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House Lawmakers Propose \$2.5 Billion Over Five Years for Bike, Pedestrian Projects
Their bill comes as infrastructure is getting renewed attention on Capitol Hill.
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