

# America Needs Long-Term Transportation Funding

For too many years, Congress has done too little—far too little—to support America’s transportation network. The last long-term transportation plan expired in 2009.



## As a result of inadequate transportation planning and funding, we are all paying the price:

- Americans spend 5.5 billion hours in traffic every year, which translates into \$120 billion in extra fuel and lost time. Those figures would be much higher without public transit.
- Deteriorated roads cost drivers, on average, an extra \$324 annually in repairs (e.g., for flat tires).

Instead of providing sensible policies and funding for transportation, Congress has only passed short-term, patchwork fixes since 2009. This pattern of inconsistent funding cannot support important, large-scale projects, and it costs America’s taxpayers in the long run.



## An Insufficient and Broken Transportation Infrastructure

How does our national transportation infrastructure measure up? Shamefully!

- 65 percent of American roads are in less than good condition.
- The American Society of Civil Engineers gives our nation’s infrastructure a grade of D+.
- 45 percent of Americans lack access to public transit.
- 25 percent of bridges require significant repair.

We are stuck in traffic—and we are traveling on unsafe roads and bridges. Most communities lack sufficient public transportation options. Congressional inaction is jeopardizing Americans’ safety when we travel and our quality of life.



## National Stand Up 4 Transportation Day

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, transportation advocates all around the nation will be uniting in their communities and online for national Stand Up 4 Transportation Day. Every single American needs to be mobile—to reach work, connect with family and community, and access education, health care, and other services. We will be demanding that Congress take action to keep America moving by investing in all our transportation infrastructure, including public transportation.



## What Congress Must Do

Simply put, Congress must pass a long-term, comprehensive transportation bill that will enable us to repair, maintain, and expand our public transportation, roads, bridges, ports, and rail systems. Transportation is a national priority. We need a great transportation network that serves all of our nation.