



Key points in a policy request for House representatives to send to committee leaders

Please draft a unique sample letter for your congressional representative(s) to use as their policy request. They may edit it to reflect their voice or perspective, but providing it will help keep them on your message and make it easier for them to help you.

Primary message: Please make it a priority in the next transportation bill to create a robust Active Transportation Investment Fund to provide communities across America, including (name of community), with concentrated strategic investments to shift short driving trips to bicycling and walking.

- My constituents have made a compelling case for specific opportunities to develop active transportation systems. These networks would provide safe and convenient routes connecting neighborhoods with public transportation and places where they live, work, learn, shop and play.
- Bicycling and walking facilities are popular and there is strong demand for more. My constituents want to be able to make the choice to avoid driving for many trips around town.
- Walking and biking pose tremendous potential benefits to my region (prioritize based on case statement and specific local context; reference the “Active Transportation for America” report, at www.railstotrails.org/ATFA, for more):
 - Economic development
 - Health
 - Mobility / congestion / transit connection
 - Climate change