

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 17, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy, Secretary  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

As congressional supporters of bike infrastructure funding, we write with serious concerns over the Department of Transportation ignoring Congressional and local priorities through its cancellation of numerous bike and pedestrian projects. Congress supports investments in making bicycling safer through several funding mechanisms because we see the returns in stronger local economies, healthier residents, and safer roads.

Reports indicate that DOT cancelled discretionary grants because they were awarded to bicycling-related projects. For example:

- [Reporting](#) indicates an \$11.7 million project to add bike lanes in Fairfield, Alabama, was cancelled because it ran “counter to DOT’s priority of preserving or increasing roadway capacity for motor vehicles.”
- A [news report](#) about a cancelled BUILD grant worth \$675,000 in McLean County, Illinois notes that “the Transportation Department told the county that the grant no longer aligned with its priorities.”
- In Albuquerque, New Mexico, [local reporting](#) on a cancelled \$11.5 million BUILD grant to construct a seven-mile rail trail indicates, “DOT’s withdrawal letter provided little justification beyond stating the department is focusing on car-based projects rather than people-based projects like the Rail Trail, according to the city.” The article states the trail “is estimated to generate \$1 million to \$3.2 million in annual economic impact and increase property values in the area.”
- And in Connecticut, the cancellation of a [\\$5.725 million grant](#) for a greenway was explained as not aligning with the department’s priorities to improve the quality of life of the American people. If that is a priority for transportation grants, then [numerous studies](#) have shown shared trails contribute greatly to improved quality of life.

These congressionally funded discretionary grant programs were specifically authorized and funded to support multimodal and bicycling projects. In the case of BUILD, Safe Streets and Roads for All, the Reconnecting Communities Program, and others, these programs reflect the

will of Congress to support local communities' road safety needs and the will of local communities who sought these grants.

We understand that these discretionary grants have been signed and agreed upon by both parties, including your agency, and they reflect valuable work and resources invested by local communities. Grantees have often already incurred costs upon the expectation of their grant agreement being executed, and so far grantees have yet to be offered a recourse to appeal their cancellation.

Cancelling these grants is not in the best interest of the U.S. Department of Transportation, the communities we represent, or the quality of life of the American people. Communities should be able to rely on an agreement signed by the federal government to build safer roads and trails for everyone.

These are common sense improvements in American communities, chosen as priorities by American communities. Bike infrastructure investments generate economic activity and save vulnerable road users' lives.

We ask that the U.S. Department of Transportation reconsider its cancellation of the funding agreements it signed with communities regarding non-vehicular modes of transportation, and continue to sign agreements for future projects related to bicycling and walking infrastructure.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this matter, consistent with applicable statute and agency guidelines. We look forward to an update on these grant agreements in the near future and how you plan to support bike infrastructure projects.

Sincerely,



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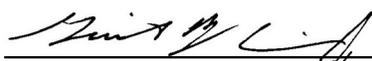
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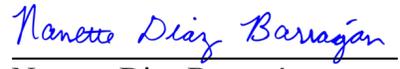
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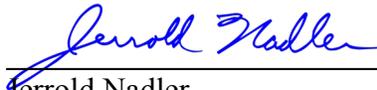
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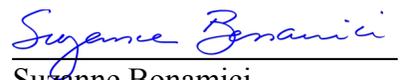
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