

2026 Legislative Advocacy Priorities



Working with Congressman Thompson's Office & the Bike Caucus

Partnership Approach: These priorities are developed in collaboration with the League of American Bicyclists and other key stakeholders. For additional information, contact Caron Whitaker at caron@bikeleague.org.

TOP INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIES

1. The Sarah Debbink Langenkamp Active Transportation Safety Act H.R.2011/S.944

Addresses America's roadway safety crisis with pedestrian deaths near 40-year highs and cyclist deaths at record levels. Provides states flexibility to use Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds as match for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) safety projects.

2. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A): Next Iteration Enhancement

Expand the successful SS4A program by growing HSIP by \$2B annually, including formula program for direct distribution to metropolitan and rural transportation planning organizations.

3. Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP)

Popular program received 351 applications requesting \$1.8 billion for only \$44.5 million available. Critical need given that 20% of roadway fatalities involve bicyclists and pedestrians.

4. Surface Transportation Infrastructure Expansion

Support comprehensive legislation prioritizing multimodal infrastructure with dedicated funding streams for bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS

5. Bicyclist Automated Emergency Braking (AEB) Rulemaking

Require NHTSA rulemaking for bicyclist-AEB systems. Studies show potential to prevent 26% of bicycle crashes and 52% of fatal crashes. NHTSA identifies 71% of bicyclist deaths as addressable with this technology.

6. Autonomous Vehicle Vision Test Requirements

Ensure autonomous vehicles can detect, identify, and respond to people biking, walking, and using mobility devices, with comprehensive testing and clear regulatory timelines.

7. Truck Underride Act

Support legislation requiring side guards and updated underride protection. Data shows side guards could reduce truck-bicyclist fatalities by 50% and pedestrian fatalities by 27%.

E-MOBILITY SAFETY AND CERTIFICATION

8. UL Safety Standards Advocacy

- Mandatory UL2849 certification for Electric Bicycles
- UL2271 compliance for Lithium-ion Batteries in light electric vehicles
- UL2272 standards for personal e-mobility devices
- Federal incentives for voluntary manufacturer compliance

9. E-Mobility Safety Education Programs

Federal funding for comprehensive e-bike safety education, first responder training on battery safety, and consumer education campaigns.

MANUFACTURING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

10. US Manufacturing Incentives

- Tax credits and incentives for domestic bicycle and e-bike manufacturing
- Trade policies protecting American bicycle industry jobs
- Support for reshoring manufacturing operations

11. Bicycle Tariff Legislation

Support appropriate tariff structures that protect domestic bicycle manufacturing while ensuring consumer access to safe, affordable bicycles.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

12. Bicycle Safety Education in Public Schools

Support NHTSA's update of bicycle education curriculum addressing modern safety concerns, e-bikes, and new state laws. Curriculum should start earlier than 5th grade.

13. Safe Routes to School Coordinator Reinstatement

Restore dedicated Safe Routes to School coordinators in every state—proven effective and cost-effective strategy for reducing injuries.

TRANSPORTATION INTEGRATION

14. Bikes for Public Transport Integration

Legislation supporting bike-transit integration, including funding for bike parking at transit stations and bike-sharing programs.

15. Designated Bike Lane Requirements

Support Complete Streets policies and dedicated funding for protected bicycle lanes in federal transportation projects.

ADDITIONAL CRITICAL PRIORITIES

16. Vulnerable Road User (VRU) Special Rule Enhancement

Maintain and strengthen the VRU special rule, connecting it more closely to VRU Safety Assessments.

17. Complete Streets Act Support

Comprehensive legislation ensuring roads are designed for all users, with dedicated funding for planning and implementation.

18. Public Lands Active Transportation

Institute complete streets policies for federal lands and funding for biking, walking, and transit access in high-volume parks.

Summary of Benefits- These legislative priorities will:

- Significantly enhance public safety for all road users
- Support American manufacturing jobs and economic development
- Promote sustainable transportation options
- Reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries
- Strengthen infrastructure resilience and accessibility
- Position the US as a leader in transportation innovation

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