

TRPT Member Organizations

Advocates for Environmental Human Rights

New Orleans, Louisiana

The Advancement Project

Washington, D.C.

Environmental Justice Resource Center

Atlanta, Georgia

Just Transition Alliance

National

Labor/Community Strategy Center

Los Angeles, California

Little Village for Environmental Justice

Chicago, Illinois

National Economic and Social Rights Initiative

National

New York City Environmental Justice Alliance

New York, New York

Oregon Action

Portland, Oregon

Organizing People-Activating Leaders

Portland, Oregon

People Organized in Defense of the Earth and her Resources

Austin, Texas

Portland Transit Riders Union

Portland, Oregon

Public Advocates, Inc.

San Francisco, California

Transit Riders Union Jobs With Justice

Atlanta, Georgia

UPROSE: United Puerto Rican Organization of Sunset Park

Brooklyn, New York

Urban Habitat

Oakland, California

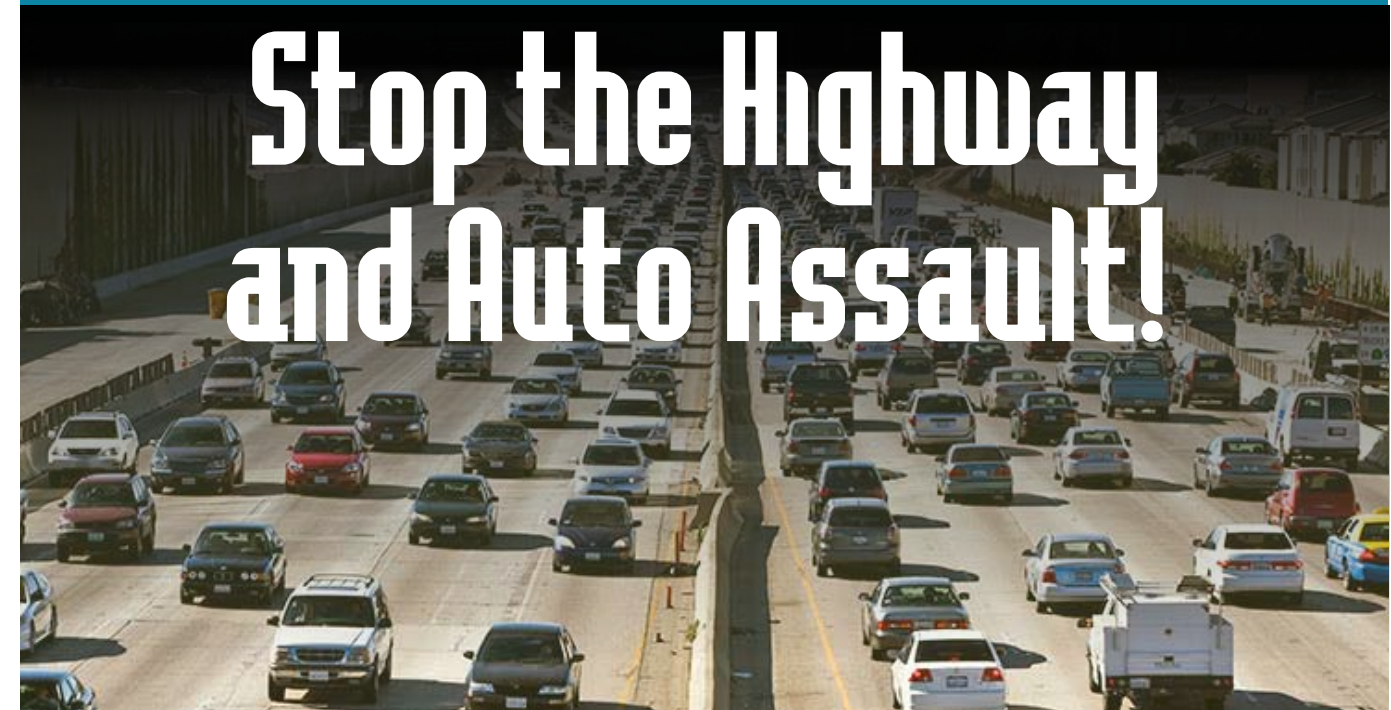
WE-ACT for Environmental Justice

New York, New York

TRANSIT RIDERS *for Public Transportation*

A national civil rights and environmental justice campaign to shape federal transportation policy

Stop the Highway and Auto Assault!



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coordinated by **The Labor/Community STRATEGY CENTER**

“The fight for sustainable and equitable transportation is, at its core, a fight for the public health and quality of life of entire communities and the entire globe”



First national gathering of TRPT members at the Strategy Center, Los Angeles, 2009



National Day of Advocacy Press Conference



Little Village for Environmental Justice rally for Operations Funding



Guillermo Mayer of Public Advocates and Claudia Hudson of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 192

Transit Riders for Public Transportation

is working to change the funding priorities of the **Federal Surface Transportation Act**. FSTA is the second largest federal bill after the defense bill. TRPT is bringing together bus and train riders, public health providers, environmental and civil rights groups, environmental scientists, trade unions and community organizations to shift the terms of the debate in favor of a **mass expansion of public transportation** and a **radical restriction of auto use**. This movement must be led by the transit dependent—those who must use public transit and are its strongest advocates.

TRPT is determined to fight the bi-partisan auto lobby which has funneled billions of public funds into freeway and road expansion despite countless studies showing that increased road capacity only generates more cars to fill the space. Public transportation produces on average 50% less carbon dioxide per passenger mile.

The FSTA fight is an important opportunity for groups organizing in low-income, working class communities of color with an environmental justice perspective to shape national and local policy.



Crystal McMillan speaks at the Re-Envision Urban Transit Conference, joined by transit consultant Ryan Snyder, and Bus Riders Union organizers Rosa Miranda and Esperanza Martinez

Operations funding

TRPT has quickly emerged as a leader in fighting the wave of fare increases and service cuts that is decimating urban transit systems across the country, all driven by massive cuts in operations funding. TRPT’s national members and allies are organizing support for FSTA that would give transit agencies the ability to use 30-50% of their funding for operations: Congressman Russ Carnahan’s H.R. 2746 and Senator Sherrod Brown’s marker bill, S3189, the Senate version.

Civil rights protections

In 2001, the Supreme Court in effect took away a key civil rights tool for communities of color by limiting their ability to bring private lawsuits to enforce disparate impact regulations. TRPT is leading an exciting campaign to restore civil rights protections for transportation, creating a tool to redress racial discrimination in federal transportation investments under the Federal Surface Transportation Act.



Bus Riders Union participates in National Day of Action

Demands

- 80/20 — Dramatic expansion of FSTA public transit funding** (to 80%); dramatic reduction of FSTA highway funding (to 20%)
- Dramatic restrictions on auto use** in all metro areas
- Dedicate a minimum of 50%** of FSTA’s allocation for transit to operating purposes, with at least half of that restricted to bus operations
- Prioritize capital preservation over expansion**, with at least half of all capital funds restricted to bus fleets
- Establish a Title VI provision** that would prohibit racial discrimination in any federally funded transit projects
- Dramatic reductions in emissions of greenhouse gases** and air pollution for all federally funded projects