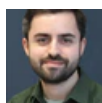
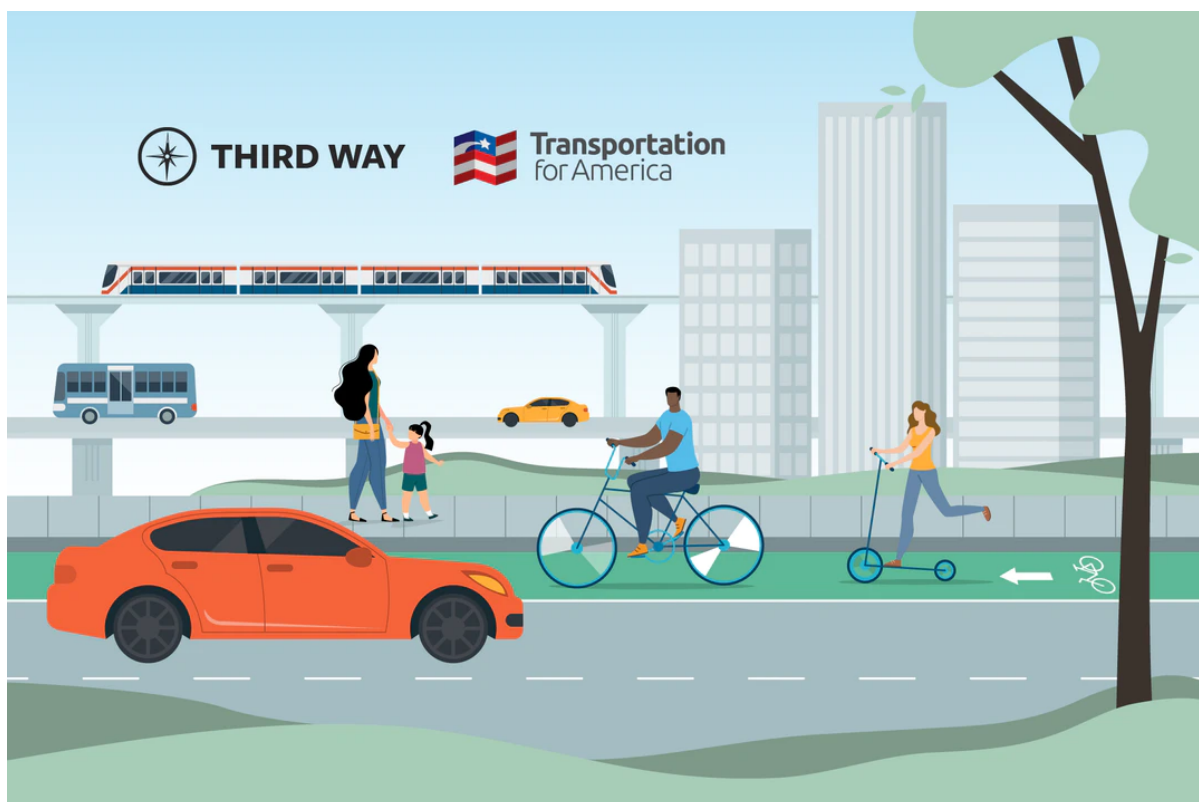


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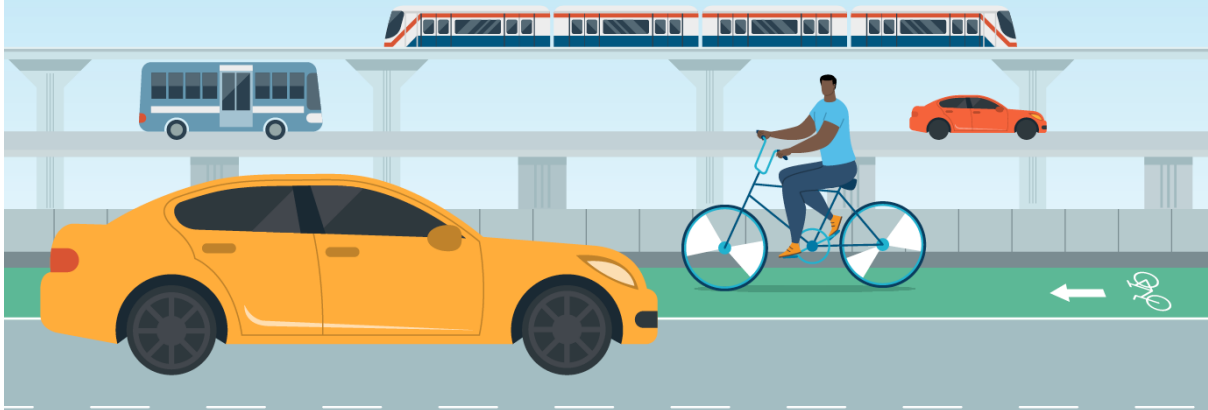
As Congress turns its attention to the upcoming surface reauthorization, Third Way and Transportation for America have released a bold [federal policy agenda](#) with recommendations to make our transportation network cleaner, safer, and more equitable for all users. Alongside that, we've released the below scorecard to show how the House and Senate reauthorization proposals stack up against our recommendations.

Overall, the House Democrats' bill goes much further to address the climate, safety, and equity impacts that decades of misplaced federal priorities have had on our transportation network. While the bill isn't perfect, it would put us on a path towards decarbonizing the transportation sector, making our roads safe for people who are not in cars, and providing underserved communities better access to economic opportunities particularly by building out public

transportation.

In contrast, the Senate EPW bill introduces some good new programs to address emissions, congestion, and other important topics but does not make needed changes to the core federal formula programs. While we appreciate the committee's commitment to bipartisanship, the bill simply does not go far enough to reduce emissions or improve safety. (Note that the Senate EPW Committee, unlike the House T&I Committee, does not have jurisdiction over transit or rail policy.)

For a more detailed version of this scorecard including explanations for each grade, [click here](#).



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Third Way and Transportation for America have put out a bold federal policy agenda that would make our transportation network cleaner, safer, and more equitable for all users. As Congress considers the upcoming surface reauthorization, here's how the two chambers' proposals stack up:

Does the Bill...	Senate EPW Package	House Dem Package
Make public transport a priority?	Senate EPW Package	House Dem Package
Electrify transit bus systems?	N/A	✓
Provide transit more money, including for operations?	N/A	✓
Improve the Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program?	N/A	✓
Promote Transit Oriented Development (TOD)?	N/A	✓

Make the current roadway system more efficient?	Senate EPW Package	House Dem Package
Design streets to make them safe for biking and walking?	✗	✓
Prioritize maintenance over expansion?	✗	✓
Ensure new vehicle technologies don't lead to emissions increases?	✗	✗
Use pricing to reduce emissions and congestion?	✗	✓
Measure the outcomes that support today's goals, including climate and access?	Senate EPW Package	House Dem Package
Set performance measures for reduced GHG and VMT per capita?	✗	—
Measure how well the transportation system connects people to destinations?	—	✓
Implement a Buy Clean standard for federally funded projects?	✗	✗
Promote intercity passenger rail?	Senate EPW Package	House Dem Package
Provide stable funding?	N/A	✓
Create regional intercity rail commissions?	N/A	—

KEY: ✓ YES ✗ NO — PARTIALLY N/A NOT IN COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION

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