

**ACTIVE TRANSPORT ALLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE
(70 Word Limit)**

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1. The 116th Congress will start work on the next surface transportation reauthorization. What are your transportation priorities?

A top priority in my district is completing the O'Hare portion of the Elgin-O'Hare Expressway. I assembled a group of Republican and Democratic leaders, along with business and labor groups, to press the Illinois Tollway and Canadian Pacific Railroad to reach an agreement which has now occurred. This project will mean significant economic development for our area, while reducing commute times and pollution caused by traffic congestion around the airport.

2. The Highway Trust Fund (HTF), which funds highway and transit projects, is funded through excise taxes on transportation related goods, the largest being taxes on gas and diesel. These fuel taxes were last increased in 1993, and have not kept pace with inflation and transportation costs. Under the current FAST Act, Congress moved \$72 billion from the general fund to the HTF for five years. What are your views on the HTF and federal funding of transportation?

I support user fees, among other sources, to finance infrastructure projects. Gas taxes have not kept pace with inflation, and Congress has resorted to budgetary gimmicks to cover the resulting funding shortfalls. The HTF requires a steady source of funds, and Congress needs to explore fair funding streams for the HTF that keep up with technology and inflation.

3. Right now, 20 percent of Highway Trust Fund (HTF) dollars go to the transit fund, and 80 percent go to Highways fund. One to two percent of funding is devoted to bicycling and walking, which comes out of the Highway fund. What is your position on these funding allocations?

We should increase the funding that is available to transit options, bicycling, and walking. People and communities need it, and the public is demanding it. In addition, more people bicycling and walking increases our collective public health.

4. Last year, over 40,000 people lost their lives on our roadways. Over 16 percent of those fatalities were bicyclists and pedestrians. What role, if any, should the federal government play in roadway safety?

This Congress, I was pleased to offer legislation that calls attention to the problems caused by distracted driving, and I have been working to increase funding for programs that help states combat distracted driving. We also need to make sure that the federal government supports roadways that are pedestrian-friendly and bike-friendly.

5. The Centers for Disease Control reports that physical activity maintains health, reduces the risk of developing obesity, diabetes and other chronic diseases, reduces feelings of depression and may also improve academic performance. What, if any, role should the federal government have in encouraging Americans to engage in physical activities?

The federal government must help communities grow in livable, walkable ways. This is why I support federal transit dollars being used to improve options for walking, cycling, and transit. I also support a robust physical education program at every school, and I support including physical education activities as part of a “well-rounded” education for purposes of Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants.

6. Under the Clean Air Act, Congress requires the Environmental Protection agency to set National Ambient Air Quality Standards for contaminants such as carbon monoxide (CO), particulate matter (PM) and ozone (O3). Carbon dioxide (CO2) is not covered. What, if any, role should the federal government play in regulating carbon dioxide?

My first act in Congress was to introduce a resolution calling on President Trump to abide by the commitments the United States made in the Paris Climate Agreement. To stand by and allow unlimited carbon pollution is not acceptable to me. I am deeply opposed to all of the administration's anti-environmental actions, as the government must play a strong role in regulating carbon dioxide.

7. What role do bicycling, walking and public transit play in the transportation system in your district?

My district has many commuters to the city of Chicago. We have a public transit system for commuters called Metra, which I strongly support. For travel within and around my congressional district, we have the PACE bus public transit system. Reducing congestion is important, and people need to have easy access to transit options to allow them to choose to bike, walk, or take transit in their daily lives.