



Talking Points for Meetings with Elected Officials

State - Illinois Sustainable Transportation Policy Goal Talking Points

Use these talking points for meetings with your [state representative or senator](#):

1. Dedicated sustainable funding

- a. Restore funding for transit agencies that was cut in 2018
- b. Include a new Bike-Walk Fund in the state budget with an annual appropriation of \$50 million (approx. 2% of Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) budget)
- c. Sign an infrastructure bill with sustainable revenue sources dedicated to transit, biking and walking projects
- d. Include at least 40% of transportation funds for public transit

2. Reform IDOT to take a more multi-modal approach

- a. Prioritize the safety of nonmotorized users
- b. Build more and better biking and walking facilities on state routes
- c. Revise state manuals to encourage slower traffic speeds in areas with high number of biking and walking
- d. Eliminate matching funds for local governments for Complete Streets
- e. Establish Transportation Equity working group at IDOT

3. Champion transformational projects

- a. Cost effective congestion relief
- b. Better public transportation and rush-hour demand management strategies
- c. I-294, I-290 and I-55 planned expansion should be cancelled

Local - Bike Walk Every Town Platform Talking Point

Use these talking points for meetings with your [local elected officials](#) and decisionmakers (e.g. mayors, presidents, trustees, aldermen, council members). Choose the talking points most relevant to your community:

- **Adopt and actively implement a local Complete Streets Policy** so that all road users are considered in future transportation plans and projects.

- **Develop and actively implement an Active Transportation Plan** that maps out our community's vision of a connected and equitable network of low-stress bikeways, trails, sidewalks, and transit access.
- **Prioritize and secure a fair-share of funding** for walking, biking and public transportation with a dedicated line item in the local transportation budget each year.
- **Commit to establishing a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council** to help advise and advance the implementation of bicycle and pedestrian projects and policies.
- **Commit to prioritizing pedestrian safety improvements** at the most dangerous intersections and crossings including setting a goal to eliminate traffic fatalities.
- **Connect gaps in the regional trail network** and improve access to trails by walking, biking, and public transit.
- **Support regional efforts to identify new revenue sources** to support maintenance and expansion of public transit.