

Safety Scorecard:

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Markup, April 30, 2025

Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety urges support for amendments to transportation reconciliation language (pursuant to H. Con. Res. 14, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025) to improve safety on our roadways.

On average, 112 people were killed every day on roads in the U.S., totaling just over 40,901 fatalities in 2023.

This is a 24 percent increase in deaths in just a decade.

An additional 2.44 million people were injured.

We urge Congress to advance policies that make our roads safer for everyone.

SUPPORT AMENDMENTS

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To improve the safety of our Nation's bridges and roadways. The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) noted in their 2025 Report Card, roads received a grade of "D+," with 39 percent in poor or mediocre condition. Bridges received a "C," with about a third of the Nation's bridge inventory (221,791 spans) in need of repair replacement. In addition, approximately 45 percent of bridges have exceeded their planned design lives of 50 years.

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To improve roadway safety including for vulnerable road users (VRU), pedestrians and bicyclists. In 2023, 7,243 pedestrians and 1,154 pedalcyclists were killed in traffic crashes. Motorcycles continue to be the most hazardous form of motor vehicle transportation; 6,302 riders were killed in 2023. In addition to the physical and emotional repercussions of motor vehicle crashes, the annual economic cost is approximately \$340 billion (2019 dollars).

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To ensure the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has the necessary staff to meet its mission. The NTSB is our Nation's preeminent transportation safety investigatory agency. Its investigations and recommendations are responsible for saving lives and preventing injuries in transportation modes. Their work impacts every single American, every day.