

Nebraska Trails News

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Greetings!

Nebraska Trails Council seeks to highlight opportunities to advocate, fund and enjoy trails across the state with each Nebraska Trails News. If you have an event, resource or suggestion for Nebraska's trail users, pass it along and we'll share it in an upcoming NTN.

Action Alert

League of American Bicyclists

Lawmakers threaten to end Transportation Enhancements, Safe Routes to School and Rec Trails Programs.

Key Congressional leaders are attacking Transportation Enhancements, Safe Routes to School, and Recreational trails and are taking steps to cut off dedicated federal funding for bicycling and walking.

House Transportation Chairman John Mica (R-FL) announced today that **his transportation bill will eliminate dedicated funding for bicycling and walking**, including Transportation Enhancements, Safe Routes to School and the Recreational Trails Program, and discourages states from choosing to spend their dollars on these activities that are "not in the federal interest." [Learn more.](#)

National Blueways Initiative proposed in America's Great Outdoors report


American Trails

The America's Great Outdoors report by the US Department of the Interior, includes a recommendation on establishing a National Recreational Blueway Trails Initiative. "In listening sessions people strongly encouraged the federal government to help communities enhance recreational opportunities in local waterways and adjacent green space, including by creating a national blueways initiative." [Read more.](#)

Bike/Ped Projects Create 46% More Jobs Than Road-Only Projects

League of American Bicyclists

Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects create more jobs per dollar spent than other road construction projects, according to a study released today by the America Bikes Coalition. [Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure: A National Study of Employment Impacts](#), authored by the Political Economy research Institute, finds that on average, the "road-only" projects evaluated created 7.8 jobs per million, while the "bicycling-only" projects provided 11.4 jobs per million.

Nebraska Trails Council is a statewide organization that works to advocate for trail education, acquisition and development through promotion and legislative action for the betterment of trails within the State of Nebraska. 

See you on the trails,

Tim Montgomery
President