

# THE INVEST IN AMERICA ACT

FOR THE PEOPLE

## Toward Zero Deaths: Building Safer Streets for All

Active transportation has increased significantly over the last decade, but pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities also soared by over 50 percent in that timeframe. While total traffic deaths fell by 1 percent in 2019, it was still the deadliest year on record for pedestrians and bicyclists. The INVEST in America Act seeks to tackle this crisis head on with comprehensive policies to ensure that safety is the top priority of the Nation's transportation policy. This comprehensive approach to complete street design, reforms to formula funding programs, improved safety performance management, innovation and safety research efforts, and coordination between States and local governments will drive transformative changes that can put us on the road to zero deaths.

- **Boosts highway safety funding** by more than 30 percent over current law. Provides additional flexibility to invest in safety education, training, and enforcement.
- **Significantly increases funding for pedestrian and bike infrastructure**, supporting zero-emission modes through a \$6.25 billion investment via existing and new programs. Reforms the Transportation Alternatives program to ensure these dollars go even further. Expands eligibilities for safe routes to schools.
- **Requires coordinated bicycle and pedestrian safety planning** and ensures that States with the highest pedestrian and bicycle fatalities take steps to address those risks.
- **Adopts context sensitive design principles** to provide for complete streets in urban areas and ensure the safety of all road users. Provides design flexibility to local governments.
- **Emphasizes high risk rural roads**, while providing for more certainty and flexibility for States that will be required to make additional safety investments on rural roads.
- **Modernizes the railway grade crossing program**, providing for additional flexibility to address large grade separation projects and suicides on railroad tracks.
- **Strengthens performance measures** by removing the ability to set regressive safety targets.
- **Invests in work zone safety** by allowing States to fund work zone safety training and certification for State and local employees and surface transportation construction workers.
- **Ensures speed limits take safety into account** by using the data available to States and localities.
- **Increases investment in research on automated vehicle safety** for both passengers and other road users. Boosts funding for intelligent transportation systems deployment to make our transportation system smarter and safer.