

# **Support the Transportation Choices Act**

The Transportation Choices Act aligns state spending on transportation infrastructure to support clean and equitable transportation options by setting targets: to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% and achieve net-zero emissions for the transportation sector by 2050.

#### We Need This Bill Now:



### How the Policy Works:

- Target: Requires IDOT/MPOs to implement state-set GHG reduction targets for their regions.
- **Planning**: IDOT/MPOs show compliance with targets through existing public planning processes.
- **Project Scoring:** Projects that decrease GHGs while increasing affordable transportation options will be prioritized via a Climate Accessibility Score.
- **Enforcement:** Planning processes to be reprogrammed if they do not meet GHG target compliance.
- **Community Engagement:** A working group of diverse representation across community groups and industry will assist IDOT/MPOs in implementing the targets policy and determining mitigation measures alongside communities impacted by any expansion projects.



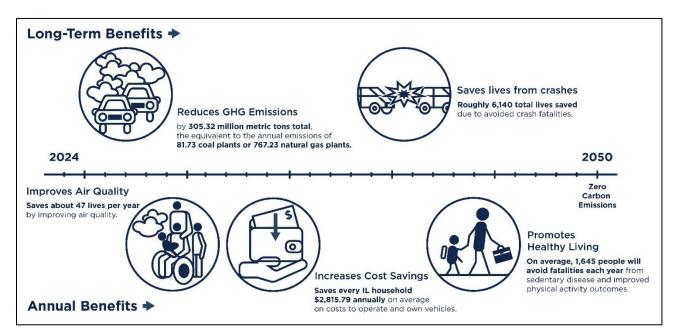


### **Benefits:**

<u>More reliable, faster buses and trains.</u> Less time sitting in your car. Safe crosswalks for school kids. More affordable transportation options. Changes the way IL invests limited transportation funding to ensure reduction of greenhouse gases (GHG) and air pollution.

**Establishes transparency and accountability.** Those most impacted by highways and infrastructure investments have a seat at the table in the funding decision-making process.

<u>Good Jobs.</u> Within "transportation infrastructure," transit and repair of roads and bridges generate the largest number of jobs. Transit generates 5,377 or 31 percent more jobs than new construction of roads and bridges per \$1 billion spent.



## Support the Clean & Equitable Transportation Act (CETA)

This bill is part of the nation-leading Clean and Equitable Transportation Act (CETA), a package of comprehensive transportation and jobs bills from the Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition. These bills work together to direct state transportation investments to reduce emissions and increase affordable options (the Transportation Choices Act), implement long overdue transit governance and funding reforms for Northeast Illinois with statewide benefits (the Metropolitan Mobility Authority Act), and increase the availability and reliability of zero-emissions vehicles and their accompanying charging infrastructure (the Zero-Emission Vehicle Act).

"There's a lot of people who don't have access to autos... so why just only fund one particular group and leave out the other?" Doris, Chicago, 69

