



Briefing Notice

The Next Era of Transportation and Infrastructure Shifting Gears: Policies for a More Sustainable Highway System

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The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)** invites you to a briefing focused on the past, present, and future of the U.S. highway system. Since the end of World War II, Congress has paved the way for thousands of miles of roadways to connect U.S. towns and cities and foster economic activity. But highways have divided us as much as they have connected us. Multilane roads have bisected communities, made it hard to get around without personal vehicles, and even prevented wildlife from moving within habitats. Highways have also come with an ever-increasing price tag, with \$62 billion allocated to the Federal Highway Administration for maintenance, repair, and expansion in fiscal year 2025.

This briefing will highlight how the country's highways can be maintained in the context of a changing climate, from increasing preparedness for extreme weather events to building out electric vehicle charging corridors. Panelists will highlight opportunities for federal policy to help relocate highways to reconnect communities, use cool pavement and climate-smart building materials, and manage toxic runoff from roads. The briefing will also identify opportunities to optimize federal funding to improve the way the country's highways connect people.

Speakers to be announced.

This briefing is part of a series focused on the role of federal transportation and infrastructure investments in strengthening communities, increasing economic opportunity, building resilience, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the lead up to the next surface transportation reauthorization bill. View the full briefing series at eesi.org/transit-briefings.

This event is free and open to the public.

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