MIDWEST TRANSPORTATION LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT: A Roadmap for Funders

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Transportation Affects *Everything*
Midwest Transportation Emissions

MILLION METRIC TONS OF GHG EMISSIONS BY SECTOR, 2021

US Average 28.5% from transportation

- **OH**: 25.8% (222 million)
- **IL**: 26% (211 million)
- **MI**: 26.8% (169 million)
- **IN**: 21.3% (184 million)
- **IA**: 18% (111 million)
- **MN**: 23.2% (122 million)

- **transportation**
- **electric power industry**
- **industry**
- **agriculture**
- **residential**
- **commercial**
$36 Billion
What the seven Midwest states in this report will spend on transportation in 2023

$156 Million
Combined annual budgets of all transportation advocacy groups in the same seven states
Advocacy Focus of Midwest Groups

- Mobility Choices: 53.7%
- Both: 33.9%
- EVs: 12.4%
Budget Size of Midwest Groups

- EVs: 15 orgs (20% less than $50K, 54% greater than $50K)
- Mobility Choices: 57 orgs (54% greater than $50K)
- Both: 39 orgs (51% greater than $50K)
Budgets & Focus of Midwest Groups

- Mobility Choices - 26 groups: 17.6% ($27,448,500)
- Both - 19 groups: 15.8% ($24,750,800)
- EVs - 12 groups: 66.6% ($104,127,300)
Minnesota’s Climate & Transit Win

• Historic transit funding
• Policy mandate to track and cut greenhouse gas emissions
Winning with Federal Funding?

Supersized federal climate transportation funding via IIJA & IRA

USDOT discretionary program grants:
- 20 programs, most oversubscribed
- Charging infrastructure
- Electric vehicle incentives

❌ USDOT highway formula funding (90% of federal dollars) under state DOT control, business as usual
Equity and Environmental Justice

Focus for frontline community advocacy groups:

- Freight impacts
- Addressing transit access and funding cliff
- Road-related police safety and traffic violence
Interstate 94 design alternatives, released by MnDOT, get mixed reviews

Are Prospects for Removing I-794 Dead on Arrival?
After a briefing from the state DOT, Ald. Bauman is pushing to delay the Downtown plan, claiming freeway spur replacement and streetcar expansion aren’t realistic.

Motor City may start to turn from freeways

INDOT looks for public input on I-65, I-70 in Indianapolis
State Transportation Plans + Climate

Does the State Department of Transportation have a Climate Plan?
- YES! (IL has goals in CEJA, WI has a climate report)
- NO, BUT... (IL)
- NOPE. (WI)

Is Climate Embedded in the State Long-Range Transportation Plan?
- YES! (IL and WI mention climate)
- NO, BUT... (WI)
- NOPE. (IL)
Who Are The Funders?

- Housing: 1.3%
- Health: 3.9%
- Transportation: 13.0%
- Equity, EJ: 20.8%
- Climate & Environment: 24.7%
- Place-Based: 36.4%
Foundation Geographic Scope

- National: 44.2%
- State: 28.6%
- City: 22.1%
- All Midwest: 5.2%
Imperative: Build Power Among Those Fighting for Change

- Strengthen existing statewide coalitions
- Center grassroots, BIPOC-led, and frontline groups
- Fund coalitions to develop strategies
- Provide multi-year grants
- Cultivate leaders and seed change from within the seats of power
Recommendations for Philanthropy

BUILD POWER
Invest in power-building and organizing at the nexus of climate, transportation, and democracy.

LEAD AT THE STATE LEVEL
Invest in state-level policy and implementation, prioritizing place-based, BIPOC-led, and environmental justice groups.

GROW COALITIONS
Support the growth of networks and coalitions for collaboration among diverse stakeholders across multiple strategies.
Questions?
Thank You!

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