

# NC Clean Connected Communities

A Movement for a Healthier and Equitable Transportation Future



In North Carolina, transportation is a leading cause of climate change and air pollution, perpetuating racial and socioeconomic disparities. The state's long-standing emphasis on carbon-heavy, highway-centric development has particularly harmed many Black, Brown, Indigenous, and low-wealth communities.

A pivot towards cleaner transportation options—such as greenways, trains, and more reliable buses—is essential for creating more livable, equitable, and prosperous communities across the state. This shift will offer North Carolinians safer, more affordable, and healthier transportation choices, which will benefit families and businesses alike and enhance our overall quality of life.

We have formed a network to unite communities and advocates in pushing for policy reforms that address these challenges. The solutions may look different for the diverse communities across our state, but our shared problems bring us together.

## Our Vision

We envision a statewide transportation system that responds to the voices of underserved communities, offering increased mobility for all. Imagine a North Carolina where:

- Individuals of all ages and abilities in both rural and urban settings can safely access school, work, groceries, healthcare, and other services.
- Children are spared from choosing between lengthy bus rides and risky walks to school.
- Communities on unpaved roads are prioritized over further highway expansion, ensuring equitable infrastructure development.

Our ultimate goal is a cleaner, more connected transportation system that reduces health risks, boosts local economies, and supports a more equitable, thriving North Carolina.

## Our Goals

We seek to bring together advocates and communities across the state to:

1. Support Black, Brown, Indigenous, and low wealth communities to participate in transportation planning at all levels of decisionmaking;
2. Equip communities with the resources to develop local transportation solutions and access funding;
3. Change state laws and policies that limit bicycle, pedestrian, and transit projects;
4. Rebalance state transportation investments to prioritize projects with bicycle, pedestrian, and transit components over highway expansion; and
5. Push North Carolina to achieve net-zero carbon emissions in the transportation sector.

## Join Us

Our network is composed of individuals and organizations passionate about advancing clean transportation solutions to improve community well-being. Our membership spans community-based organizations, equity champions, health advocates, disability rights activists, neighborhood organizers, elected officials, and government staff. Many of our members have influenced impactful projects and are keen to share their insights.

Membership is complimentary and open to those committed to clean transportation, offering access to a range of resources, including training webinars, toolkits, technical assistance, and networking opportunities. For more information or to join our movement, please contact [transportation@selcnc.org](mailto:transportation@selcnc.org). Together, we can move North Carolina towards a more sustainable and equitable transportation future.