



COP27: PATH's letter to governments and cities

Sign our **COP27** letter

On the occasion of the COP27 climate conference, the Partnership for Active Travel and Health, alongside supporters of more walking and cycling, issue this letter to governments and cities:

We call on governments and cities to invest more in walking and cycling to achieve climate goals and improve people's lives

Enabling more people to walk and cycle safely is essential to achieving the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, yet walking and cycling lack priority in the transport and mobility mix and the wider climate agenda.

A truly sustainable mobility paradigm must include a much larger share of investment in walking and cycling. Enabling a bigger share of urban trips to be walked and cycled is a quick, affordable and reliable way to significantly reduce transport emissions, traffic congestion and road casualties, and will also deliver improved public health, stronger economies and fairer societies.

Transport is responsible for 27% of global carbon emissions and is the sector with the strongest growth in emissions. Road vehicles account for nearly three quarters of transport CO2 emissions and these numbers are not decreasing. However, the potential for replacing motorised vehicle trips with walking and cycling is huge and within our grasp.

60% of urban trips across the globe are shorter than 5 kilometres, with more than half of them currently travelled by motorised vehicles. Walking and cycling could replace a significant proportion of these short trips. Electric bicycles expand this potential further still, and walking or cycling 30 minutes a day is enough to meet WHO minimum health requirements and reduce the risk of premature death by 20 to 30%.

With COP27 being hosted in Africa, it is worth noting that across the continent walking is already the primary mode of transport for the majority of people. Up to 78% walk every day – often because they have no other choice. And they put their lives at risk the moment they step out of their homes due to roads dominated by speeding cars, missing sidewalks, makeshift crossings and high-polluting vehicles. By 2050, low and middle income countries will own over two-thirds of the world's cars. With that comes an increasing urgency for even greater investment in safe walking and cycling infrastructure.

For all of these reasons, the Partnership for Active Travel and Health, together with the undersigned organisations, strongly appeal to national and city governments to commit to prioritising and investing in walking and cycling, through Nationally Determined Contributions and integrated and coherent strategies, including plans, funding and concrete actions for:

- **Infrastructure** – to make walking and cycling safe, accessible and easy to do.
- **Campaigns** – to support a shift in people's mobility habits.
- **Land use planning** – to ensure proximity and quality of access to everyday services on foot and by bike.
- **Integration with public transport** – to underpin sustainable mobility for longer trips.
- **Capacity building** – to enable the successful delivery of effective walking and cycling strategies that have measurable impact.

We are convinced that placing walking and cycling at the very heart of global, national and local strategies to address climate change will not only contribute to meeting urgent climate goals, but will also improve the lives of people all over the world.

For more information, facts and figures, read our report: [Make way for walking and cycling](#)

Signed by PATH partners:



This letter is also supported by the undersigned non-profit organisations:



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Associação Nacional dos Médicos de Saúde Pública



				
Associação Natureza Portugal WWF	Association Droit au vélo - ADAV	Association Place au vélo Nantes	Association Velocite Pays de Montbeliard	Australain Walking and Cycling Conference
				
Automobile Club of Moldova	B2W Indonesia	Bartin Pedaldaslar Cycling Club	Better Ennis	Better Streets for Haverinn
				
Bicibús Sarrià	Bicicletas por la Vida Bariloche	Biciklo.me	BiciRed Colombia	Bicitekas A.C.
				
Bicivilizados	Bicycle Association of Great Britain	Bicycle Industries Australia	Bicycle Network	Bicycle Queensland
				
Bicycle SA	Biedriba «Drošās ielas»	Bike 4 Future	Bike Adelaide	Bike is Best
				
Bike Ottawa	BikeCommute@USM	Bikes for the World	BikeTour Research Group UFSC Brazil	Bisikletliler Derneği
				
Borcanul cu ulei NG	Boroondara Bicycle Users Group	Braga Ciclável - Associação Pela Mobilidade Urbana em Bicicleta	Bricycles	Bridges to Prosperity
				
Brighton Active Travel	ByCycle	CAMINA. Centros de Estudios de Movilidad Peatonal A.C.	Caminha Rio	Cantabria ConBici
				
Capital of Cycling	Car Free Norwich	Caraminhola (re)projeto de escola	Catalunya Camina and International Federation for Pedestrians	Caucasus Cycling Network
				
Central Department of English, Tribhuvan University	Centre for Environment	Centre for Rural Development	Centro Universitário do Rio São Francisco	Change De Chaîne
				
Ciclaveiro - Associação pela Mobilidade urbana em Bicicleta	Cicli Minimi ETS	Ciclodá	Circolo Legambiente "Il Cigno" di Frosinone APS	Cities For Cycling
				
CIUHCT - Interuniversity	CIVINET Greece-Cyprus	Clean Air Action Group	Clean Air Norwich	Clean Cities Campaign



CONEBI - Confederation of the
European Bicycle Industry



Conservation Council of SA



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Kisumu



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Thessaloniki



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Espace PaMA	Estonian Urban Cyclists Union	Estrada Viva - Liga de Associações pela Mobilidade Segura e Sustentável	Europafietsters	EuroVelo
				
Evoluir Ciclistas - Associação	Exeter Cycling Campaign	Exeter Women Bike Ride	Exa City	Fiab Aosta à Vélo
				
FIAB Brindisi	FIAB FROSINONE - Su2Ruote APS	FIAB Italia	Fietzersbond Belgium	Fietzersbond Netherlands
				
Fietsplatform	Finnish Cycling Embassy	Finnish Cyclists' Federation	Foreningen Frie Fugle	Formosa Lohas Cycling Association
				
Friends of the Earth Malta	FUB	Funbici.org	Fundación Colombiana de Peatones	Fundación Entándem
				
FundaPeatón	FUSS e.V. Fachverband Fußverkehr Deutschland	GEOTA	German Association of the Bicycle Industry	Get Around Cabo Carfree
				
Get Ireland Walking	Global Alliance of NGOs to Road Safety	Global Road Safety Partnership	Global Youth Coalition for Road Safety	GO4FUN Romania
				
GRACQ	Grampian Cycle Partnership	Great African Cycling Safari	Green Communities Canada	Green Cycling Association
				
Green Revolution Association	Guaileguaychú en Bici	Haringey Cycling Campaign	Havering Cyclists	Hellenic Urban Cycling Federation
				
Helvetas USA	Hoedspruit Hub	Hungarian Cyclists' Club	Hyderabad Bicycling Club	Icelandic Cyclists' Federation
				
IMBA Europe	Instituto Corrida Amiga	Instituto VIA	International Cargo Bike Festival	International Climate Resilience Research Network - RIPERC
				
International Federation of Pedestrians	International Road Assessment Programme	IPoP - Institute for Spatial Policies	IWGB Cycling Instructors Branch	Jane's Walk Culiacán



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Kidical Mass Portsmouth



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Kosovo Advocacy and Development Centre



Kyiv bike city



Kyoto Club



La Velostazione Venezia



Laboratorio de Cambio Social



L'Arche Cork



League of American Bicyclists



Les Boîtes à Vélo - France



Libre Actividad



Liga para a Protecção da Natureza (LPN)



Liga Peatonal



Limerick Pedestrian Network



Lithuanian Cyclists' Community



Living Streets



Living Streets Aotearoa



Living Streets Edinburgh



Loch Lomond and Trossachs Countryside Trust



MagelangBIKE



Magelang nightride



Maison du Vélo Lyon



Maidstone Cycle Campaign Forum



Make Roads Safe Hellas



Mar a Mar Costa Rica

Marakli t'Biciklave

Masa Crítica Buenos Aires

MENSenSTRAAT

Mental Health Ireland

Merri-bek BUG

Merseyside Cycling Campaign

Metz à Vélo

México Previente AC

MexicoMTB

Middle Ground Motherhood

Mobiel 21

MobiliseYourCity

Mobilize Brasil

Mou-te en Bici

Movilidad Sustentable La Pampa



Mpact



Mreža za prostor



MTB Hedeland



MUBi - Associação pela Mobilidade Urbana em Bicicleta



Nadácia Ekopolis



Namibia Road Safety Forum



Napa County Bicycle Coalition



National Automobile Club of Uzbekistan



National Bicycle organization - Philippines



National Trails UK



Nepal Cycle Society



NGO "Young Generation of Tajikistan"



NHS Lanarkshire & Green



North Shore Bicycle Group



Norwegian Cyclists' Federation



				
Nowtopia	Občianska cykloiniciatíva Banská Bystrica	One Street	ONG Bien Argentino	Operation Road Safety - Kenya (ORS)
				
Osez le Velo !	Outdoors Queensland	Authentic Cycling Romania	PaPedalear Aranjuez	Partnership for Road Safety
				
Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition	PASUMAI THAAYAGAM Foundation	Paths For All	Peatonos Primero	Peatonoslima
				
Pedal on Parliament	Pedestrian Space	Pedestrians Foundation	PeopleForBikes	Peruanos de a pie
				
Pěšky městem, z. s. (Walk the City)	Pharmacycles	Piétons Québec	PlanèteVtt-Tve	Plataforma ciudadana por un Aranjuez peatonal - Aranjuez a Pie
				
Plataforma Sustentabilidad Integral	Platform Ruimte voor Lopen	Plymouth Cycling Campaign	POLIS	Polish Union of Active Mobility
				
Port Adelaide Bicycle User Group	Portuguese Cycling Federation	Pro Velo	Pro Velo Switzerland	ProVelo.lu
				
Queensland Walks	Raahgiri Foundation	Radlobby Österreich	Radlogistik Verband Deutschland e.V.	Rail Trails for NSW
				
Rails-To-Trails Conservancy	Real Federación Española Ciclismo	Responsive Drivers Uganda - ReDU	RIDERS' Rights	Road Danger Reduction Forum
				
Romanian Cyclists' Federation (FBR)	Rota	Rue de l'Avenir - France	SAFE India	SampaPé!
				
Selçuklu Seyyahları Bisiklet Derneği	Sindikata Biciklista	Souriez Vous Pedalez	Spokes - the Lothian Cycle Campaign	Sport Ecology Group
				
EMATIFEM FIETSMUSEUM	Wandelnet	Streets Alive Yarra	SAFE Streets Are For Everyone	STREETS FOR ALL

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The Racing Collective	Time for the Planet	Tous à Pied	Towards Zero Foundation	Training Education & Empowerment for Neighborhood Sustainability
				
Trans Canada Trail	Transaid	Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative	Transport & Mobility Forum, Cork	Transport Action Network
				
Transport and Health Integrated research Network - THINK	Transporte Ativo	Ubi	UCB Brazilian Cyclists' Union	UIC - International Union of Railways
				
UITP - International Association of Public Transport	Ulice Za Bicikliste	Universidad Católica de Valencia	Unley Bicycle User Group	Urban Cycling Institute
				
Vá de Bike	Velesbid	Vélo & Territoires	Vélo Mondial	Vélo Urbain Sherbrooke
				
Vélo-Cité Bordeaux	Velo-Ruse	Vem de Bike - Unirios	Verkeersplatform Rupelstreek	Victoria Walks
				
Voetgangersbeweging Nederland	Voetgangersbeweging vzw	VoetgangersVereniging Nederland	walk.brussels	Walk-space.at - Austrian Federation of pedestrians
				
WalkSydney	WCCG Chennai Cyclists	We Ride Australia	Windsor Cycle Hub UK	Women in Cycling
				
Worcestershire Active Travel Partnership	World Bank	World Bicycle Relief	World Trails Network	Xarxa de Bicibusos de Barcelona
				
Xarxa de Mobilitat Escolar de Sarrià	Yarra Bicycle Users Group	York Cycle Campaign	Zambia Road Safety Trust	ZaVelo
				



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The COP27 letter is closed for signatures

Thank you for your support in this hugely successful campaign, **which saw over 400 civil society organisations from all over the world sign the letter** to governments at COP27.

The letter is now closed for signatures.

PATH is a coalition calling on governments and cities to make a real commitment to walking and cycling as a key solution to the climate, health and equity challenges which we face.



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