

Transportation
for America

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Transportation for America is a national non-profit working to create a transportation system that safely and affordably connects everyone to jobs, services, and opportunities through diverse travel options.

PRINCIPLE #2

Fix It First

If your house has a leaky roof, you fix that before remodeling your kitchen. The federal transportation program should do the same and prioritize existing maintenance needs ahead of building new things which require decades of additional repair costs.

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PRINCIPLE #1

Design for Safety Over Speed

Any serious effort to reduce deaths on our streets and roads requires slower speeds. Federal funding should require approaches and street designs that put safety first.

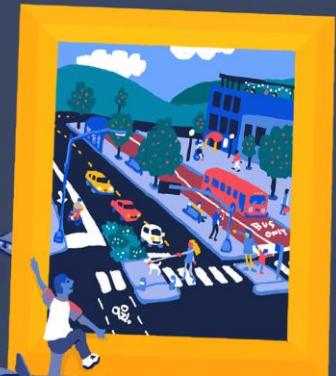
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PRINCIPLE #3

Invest in the Rest

For 60 years we've invested hundreds of billions of dollars in highways. Now it's time to **invest in the rest** to create a complete transportation network so more Americans can safely travel by foot, bike, bus, or train.

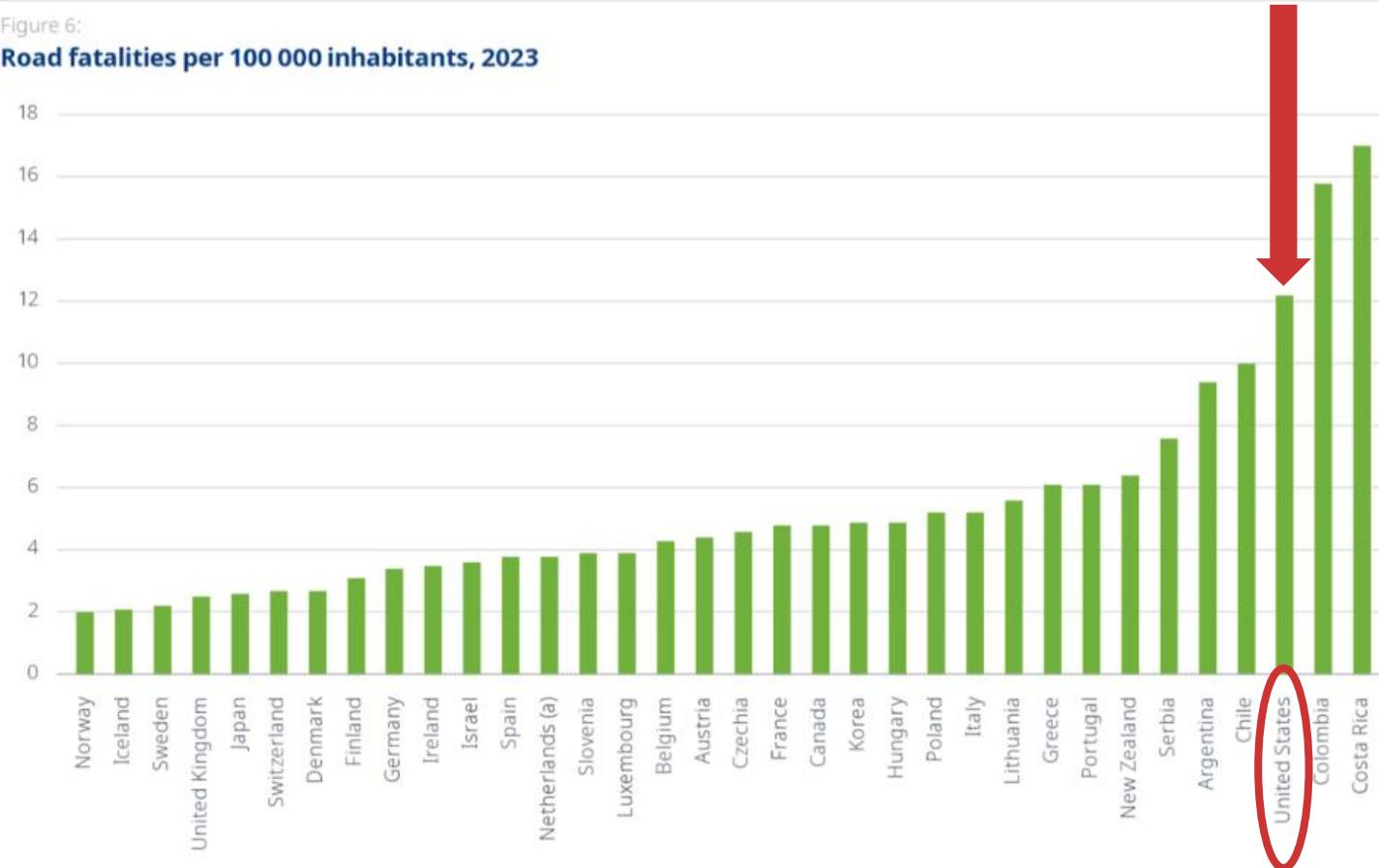
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A program failing to deliver on **safety**

Figure 6:

Road fatalities per 100 000 inhabitants, 2023

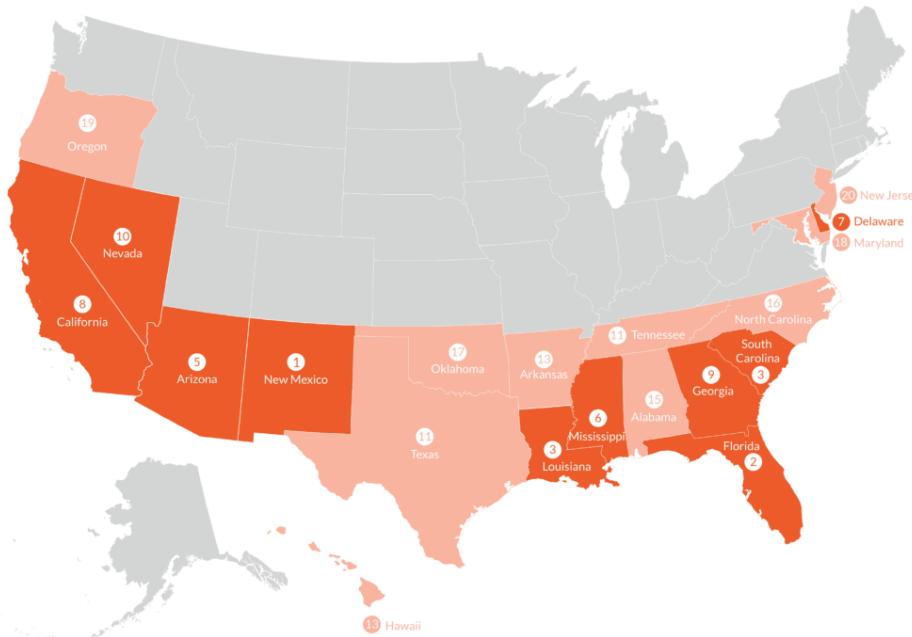


A program failing to deliver on **safety**

8,000

The top 20 most deadly states for people walking

By number of deaths per 100,000 people, 2018-2022



7,522

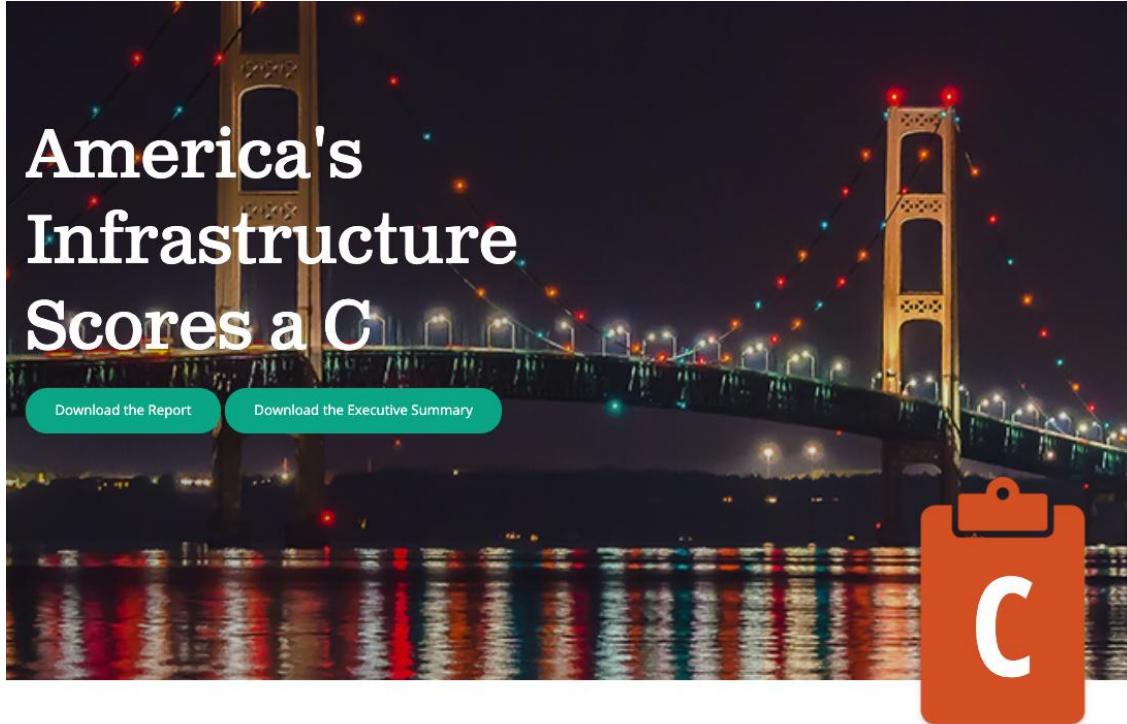
The top 20 most deadly metro areas for pedestrians

By number of deaths per 100,000 people, 2018-2022



U.S. pedestrian deaths (2010-2022)

Also failing to deliver on **repair**



Roads:
D in 2001
D+ in 2025

Bridges:
C in 2005
C in 2025

ASCE 2025 Report Card: We should “dedicate resources to preserving a state of good repair, because **no nation can build its way out of congestion.**”

And **congestion**

Freeway capacity grew faster than population, yet delay exploded

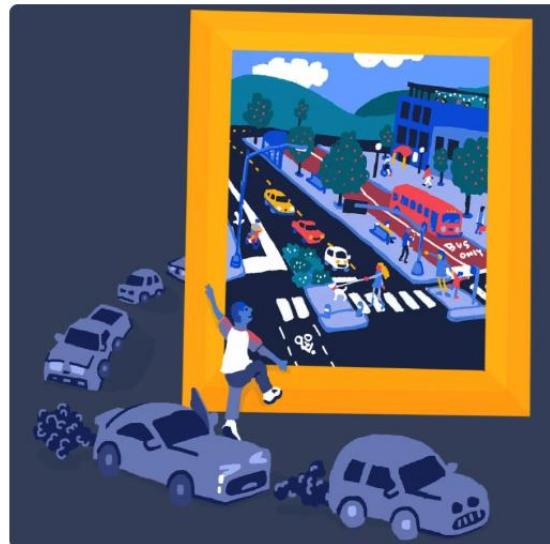


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POLICY PLATFORM

Our proposals for transportation reauthorization

The ~\$77-billion-per year federal transportation program has been limping along for years, accomplishing very little while requiring enormous taxpayer infusions to cover its costs. This program doesn't need a facelift; it needs to be blown up and replaced with something completely new.



- 1) Fix it first
- 2) Safety over speed
- 3) Invest in the rest
- 4)
Accountability



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Reauthorization 101
Understanding the process



Reauthorization 201
Influencing the process

PolicyLink



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Ward McCarragher

APTA— 1,700 Member Organizations Represents All Sectors

APTA leads public transportation in a new mobility era, advocating to connect and build thriving communities



Surface Transportation Authorization Funding Recommendations

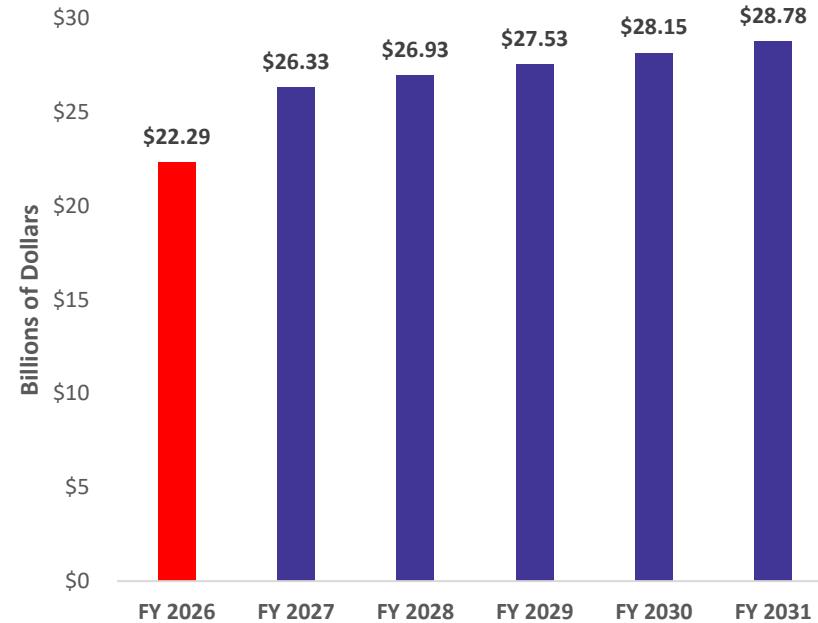
- ✓ Build Upon the IIJA's Historic Public Transit and Passenger Rail Investments
- ✓ Build Upon Guaranteed Funding in a Restructured Framework
- ✓ Restore Purchasing Power Lost to Inflation Since IIJA Enacted
- ✓ Grow Investments at Projected Rate of Inflation (CBO Baseline)

APTA Transit Investment Recommendations

IIJA Public Transit—\$108 Billion



APTA Recommendation—\$138 Billion

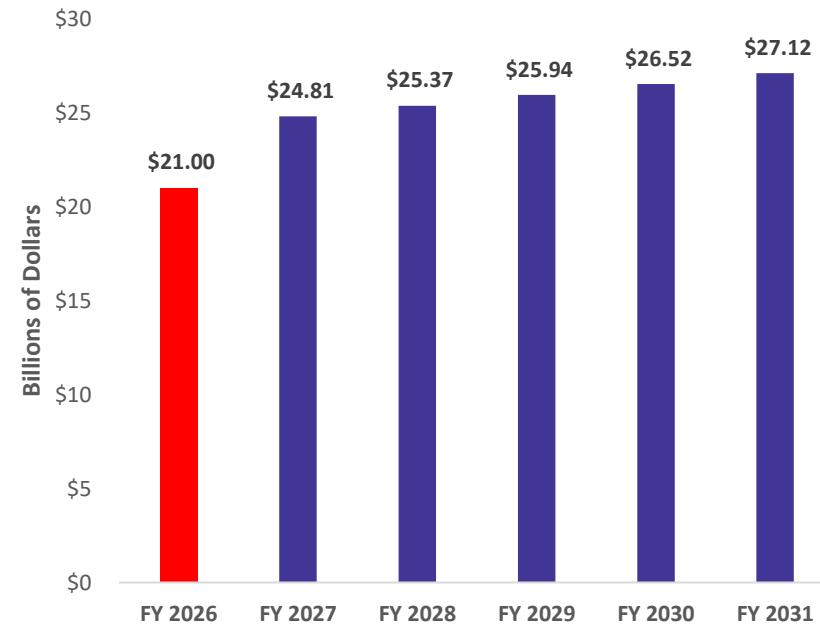


APTA Rail Investment Recommendations

IIJA Passenger Rail—\$102 Billion



APTA Recommendation—\$130 Billion



Surface Transportation Authorization Key Policy Recommendations

- ✓ Streamline Public Transit Statutory and Regulatory Requirements (e.g., CIG Requirements, Spare Ratio, Real Property Acquisition)
- ✓ Restore Transit CEOs' Authority to be Final Decisionmakers on Implementation of Agency Safety Plans
- ✓ Ensure Public Transit Voting Representation on MPOs
- ✓ Accelerate Project Delivery and Permitting Reform

Creating Jobs

430K+
People

work for public
transportation agencies



50K Jobs

created and supported
per \$1 billion investment
in job creation

5-to-1
ECONOMIC RETURN

produced by long-term
investment in public transit

\$382 Million
IN TAX REVENUE

supported per \$1 billion
investment in job creation

(According to APTA's "Economic Impact of Public Transportation Investment: 2020 Update")



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Supporting the Private Sector

2,000+
SUPPLIERS

in 48 states and DC

Nearly

\$42 Billion
IN TRANSIT SPENDING

flows to the private sector
(65% increase since 2000)

Key Messages

Public transit is built in America and creates jobs across America

Every \$1 invested in public transit generates \$5 in long-term economic returns

77% of Federal public transit funding flows to the private sector

More than 2,000 U.S. companies supply the vehicles, equipment, and technologies that power public transportation nationwide



Mike McGinn



America Walks:

What We Do

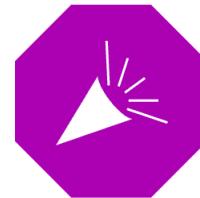
- Support local advocacy for walkable, accessible and equitable places
- Voice for walkability at the national level



Increasing Safe, Enjoyable
Public Space



Taking Care of the
Environment



Lifting up Diverse Voices
and Perspectives



Empowering Grassroots
Advocacy

America Walks: What We Do

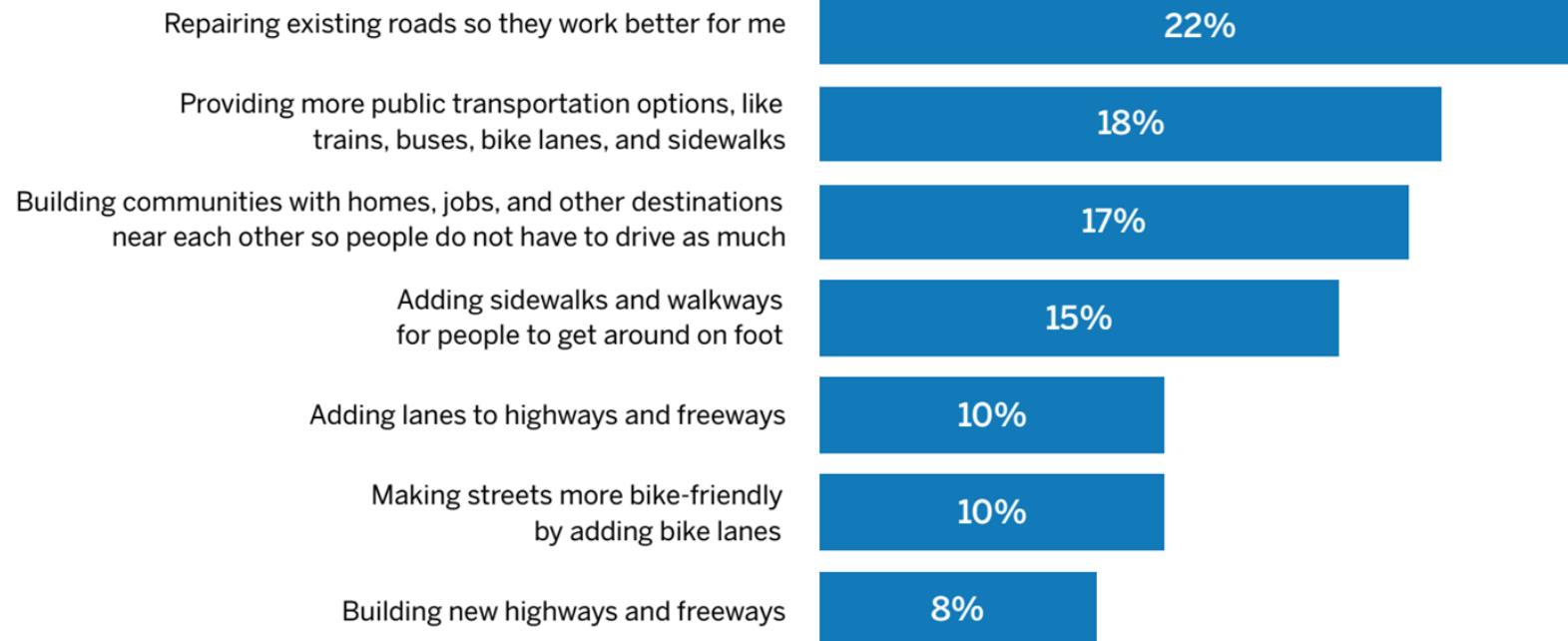
- Programs:
 - Walking College
 - Community Change Grants
 - Educational Webinars
- Advocacy:
 - Building Better Streets
 - Reconnecting Communities
 - Freedom to Move
 - Week Without Driving
 - Safer Vehicles for Pedestrians

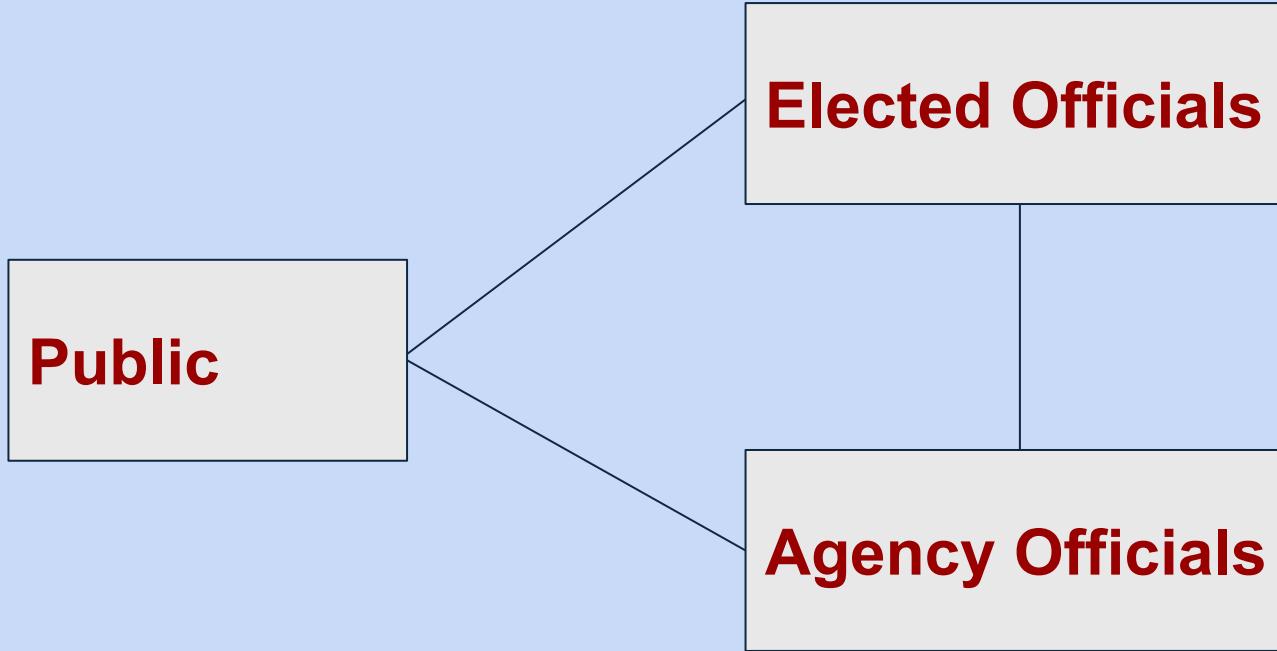
“Below are some ways that your community could reduce traffic. In your opinion, which of the following approaches would be the best and worst long-term solutions to reducing traffic in your area?”

Post-message testing, support for both building new or adding/expanding highways dropped further.

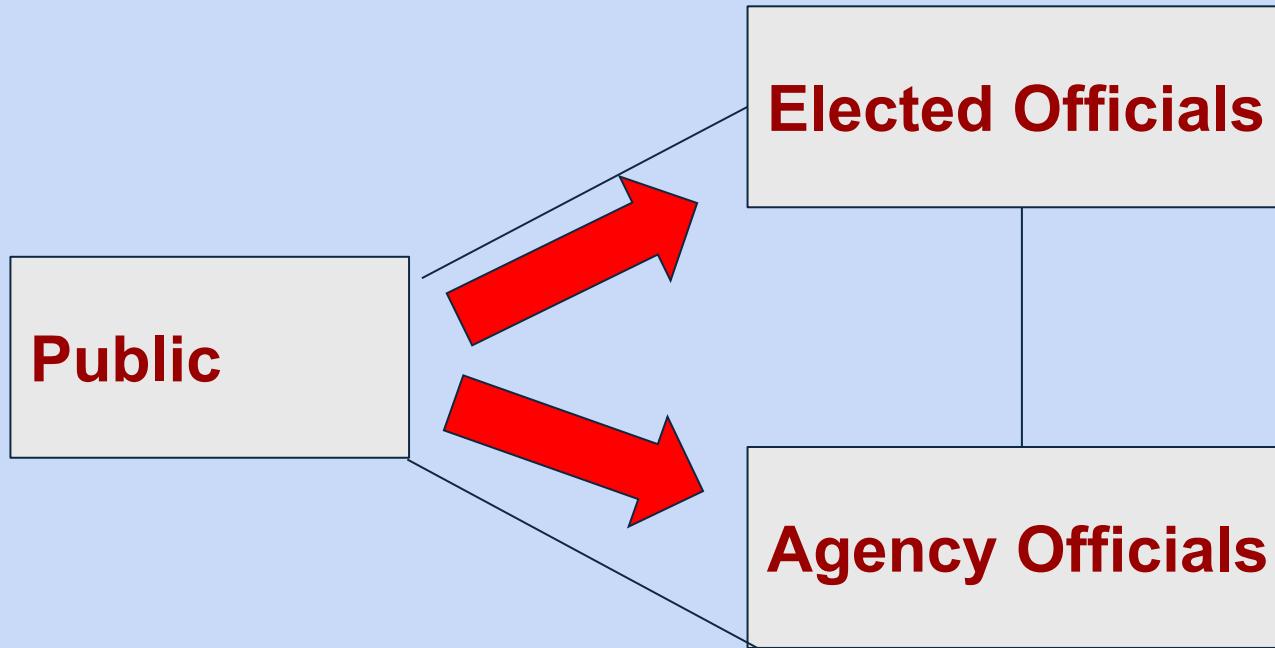
Pre-Message Testing

■ Best long-term solutions





You need two out of three



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