

Sierra Club Virginia Chapter

Transportation & Smart Growth: Clean, Equitable and Accessible



Transportation and climate change are closely connected

45% of regional GHG are caused by transportation

Vulnerable populations suffer the most

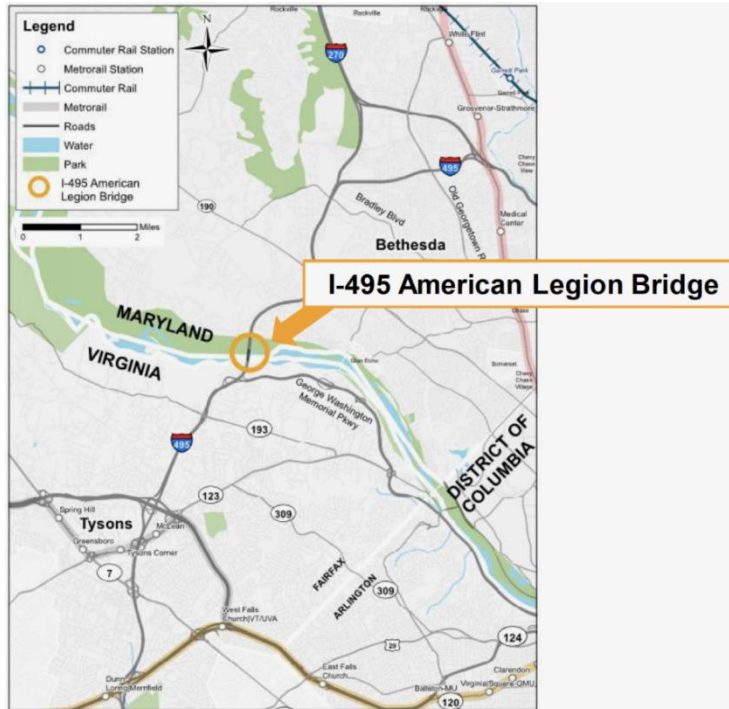


Priorities

- Air quality
- transportation equity
- land use and
affordable housing



Current Issues



- I-495 Express Lanes
- Bus electrification: local routes/
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit
Authority (WMATA)
- Rt. 1 bus rapid transit



Volunteer Opportunities

- Team leadership- Advocating for a particular project or issue
 - Trails & bike/pedestrian paths
- Writing
 - Letters to editors, emails to elected officials, Influencing friends and neighbors to write
- Action alerts/ petition signing
- Speaking at or attending public input meetings
- Story collecting

JEMEZ PRINCIPLES

Be inclusive

Emphasis on bottom-up organizing

Let people speak for themselves

Work together in solidarity and mutuality

Build just relationships among ourselves

Commitment to self-transformation

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Talking Points

Racial justice & environmental justice talking points



- Polluting projects like highways are disproportionately placed in communities of color
- Black Americans are particularly impacted as they are three times more likely to die from air pollution exposure than white Americans
- Systemic racism and the climate crisis are intertwined. Climate change is fueled by the practice of protecting some communities while exploiting others