

High gasoline prices have once again demonstrated how dependent American households are on oil. C

On June 2, 2011, the [Livable Communities Task Force](#) (LCTF) released a report [entitled "Freedom from Oil: How Transportation Choices Can Provide Gas Price Relief."](#)

"America deserves better than the endless cycle between denial of our vulnerability to oil prices when th

The report recommends federal policy solutions that protect communities and families from oil price stick

- Continue to increase fuel efficiency of passenger vehicles, which could save drivers the equivalent
- Increase investment in alternative fuels like electric vehicles, which could save drivers \$1000 in fuel
- Set clear national priorities for our transportation system, including a strategy and performance me
- Require Metropolitan Planning Organizations to evaluate the effects of new transportation projects
- Promote Pay-As-You-Drive insurance, allowing consumers to pay less if they drive less.
- Encourage lenders to use transit accessibility and location efficiency as a factor in mortgage rates,
- Use the tax code to encourage businesses to offer comprehensive commuter benefit programs tha
- Increase federal funding for transit, including allowing capital funds to be spent on operations, help
- Increase funding for "Safe Routes to School" programs so that parents and children have the optio
- Support "Complete Streets" policies that design streets for all users, making it safer for people of a

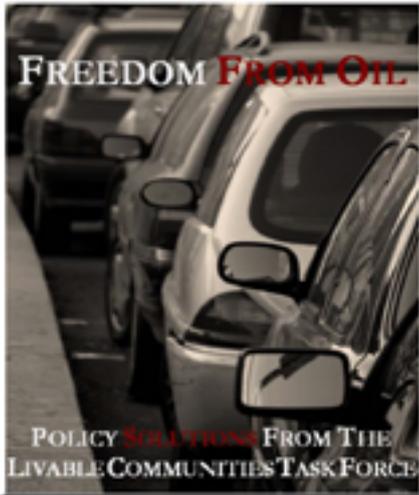
- Authorize the Office of Sustainable Communities at the Department of Housing and Urban Development

and the Livable Communities Task Force Report

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ation Association's Transit Savings Report (based on the 4/13/2011 average national gas price of \$3.81 per gallon

s per gallon would save the average American family \$513 on summer gasoline alone.

es a quarter gallon of gas on average. At \$4 gasoline, switching from a car to a bicycle for one 5 mile car trip per