

Heading into Summer Driving Season, Report Offers Policy Solutions For High Gas Prices and Oil Dependence

WASHINGTON – Today, Reps. Earl Blumenauer, Jim Moran, Lois Capps and Peter Welch were joined by representatives from the Center for American Progress, the American Public Transportation Association and the Association for Commuter Transportation to kick off the summer driving season by unveiling “Freedom from Oil,” a publication of the Livable Communities Task Force that focuses on short- and long-term solutions to high gas prices and oil dependence.

“America deserves better than the endless cycle between denial of our vulnerability to oil prices when they are low, and sticker shock when they spike upwards,” **said Blumenauer**. “It’s time to revamp our transportation policies at the federal, state and local level to give Americans options, so that when gas prices are high they have safe, convenient and affordable ways to avoid falling victim to these high prices. This report illustrates how we can move in that direction.”

The high cost of gasoline, which is likely to continue to increase in the long run, presents our families and communities with unsustainable transportation costs. The most viable solution to this problem is mitigating the cost of gasoline by helping communities provide transportation choices. The Task Force Report focuses on steps that government, businesses and individuals can take to provide American families with more transportation choices and reduce their reliance on expensive gas.

The report is available for download in PDF format [here](#) . Learn more about the Livable Communities Task Force [here](#) .