

# TRANSPORTATION IN ANCHORAGE

## Presentations by transportation expert Chris Rall

- **Wednesday April 25, 5:15 - 7:15** At the The Center , 4855 Arctic Blvd. Between Tudor and International. We'll have snacks.
- **Thursday April 26, 1:30-3:00pm** at City Hall Mayor's Conference Room #830

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Across the country, cities are thinking about and investing in transportation differently than they have in the past, emphasizing vibrant walkable downtowns, and transit and biking networks. What is going on? Where is Anchorage heading?

How can we build a city that gives everyone great access to everyday places, supports our development plans and stays within our maintenance budget?

**Chris Rall** from Transportation for America ([www.t4america.org](http://www.t4america.org)) will be in Anchorage to provide an overview of trends in economic development signaled by Amazon's search for a second headquarters, businesses moving to transit-rich walkable downtowns and the fierce competition for talent. We'll find out how Anchorage's approach to transportation stacks up in light of these nationwide trends. Chris will show how many regions are recognizing the connections between health and transportation, and measuring health impacts of transportation investment decisions. How can we use our federal transportation funds to build a great city with no regrets?

The timing for this presentation is important as Anchorage is in the early stages of preparing a twenty year transportation plan ([www.mtp2040.com](http://www.mtp2040.com)) and a two year Transportation Improvement Plan. Mr. Rall's input may cause you to rethink the assumptions driving how Anchorage has built roads in the past as Anchorage develops these plans. Can we shape them to sync with aspirations for a livable, resilient, vibrant Anchorage?

Chris Rall's visit is funded by Anchorage's Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions AMATS.



**Chris Rall** is the Pacific Northwest Program Manager for Transportation For America, where he accesses a well of expertise in his program's parent organization Smart Growth America to serve in many roles - keeping partners and allies apprised of developments on transportation trends and policy, working on technical assistance projects and education efforts related to transportation performance decision-making, and supporting local efforts to raise transportation funding. Chris got his start in transportation policy at Humboldt State University on the North Coast of California, where he led a student effort to expand student transit pass eligibility to include not just local buses, but the regional Redwood Transit Service. The bus pass expansion resulted in significant increases in ridership precipitating an increase in regional bus service and improved mobility options for all transit riders in the Humboldt Bay Area. Chris went on to co-found Green Wheels, a local transportation advocacy organization in Humboldt County, and serve as Policy Director for the Healthy Humboldt Coalition where he engaged on housing issues and Caltrans plans. Originally from New Jersey, Chris received his bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of California at Berkley, and his graduate degree in natural resource management from Humboldt State University. He lives in Portland with his wife Becky and three kids.