



ASLA Advocacy Day: Landscape Architects in Action



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Tomorrow, July 16, @ 12:00 ET

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Congressional Meeting Schedules



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ASLA Virtual Advocacy Day



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Advocacy Day Goals



Educate legislators about the profession and the work you are doing in the district/state.



Advocate for issues important to the profession.



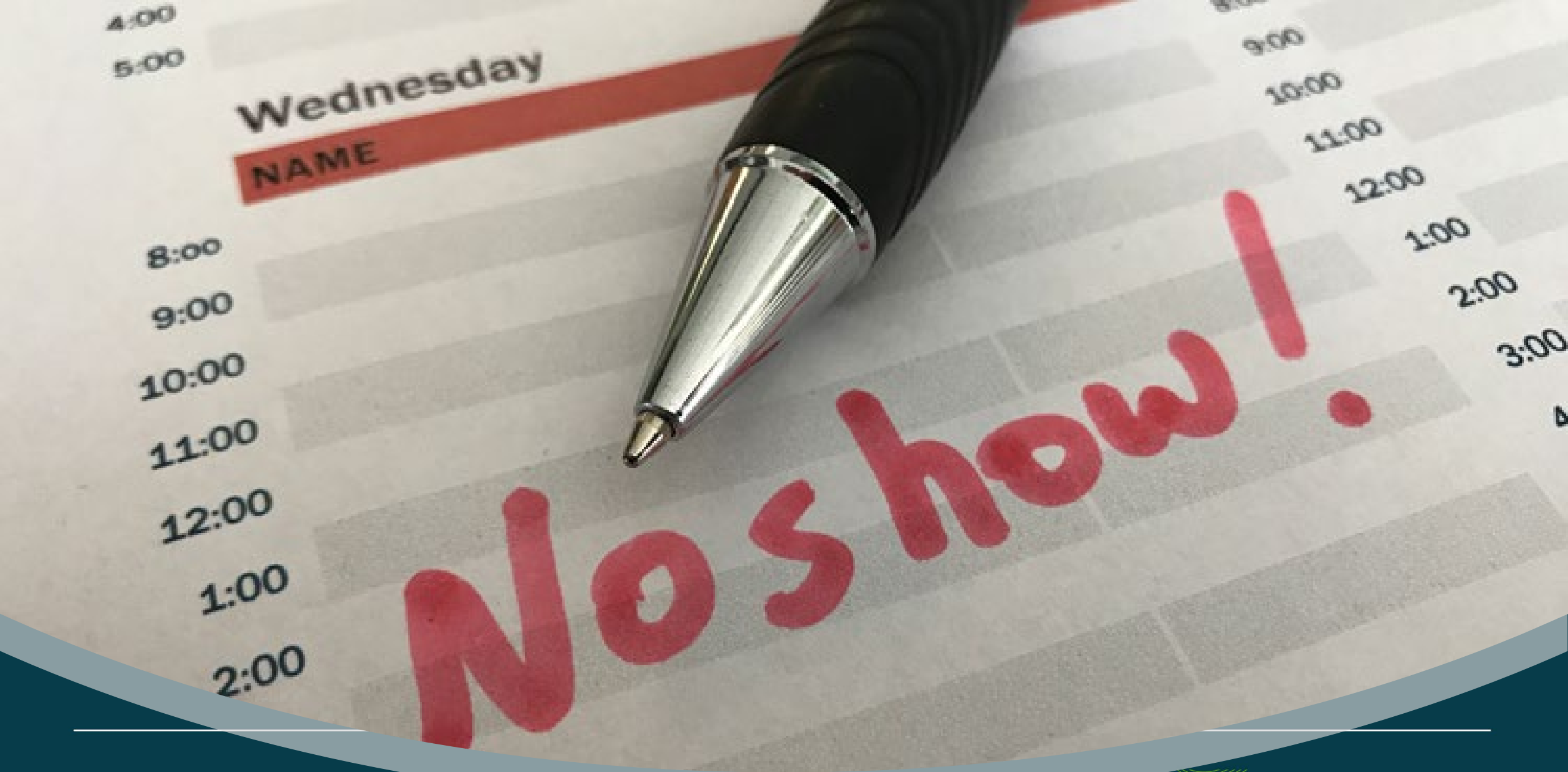
Establish relationships with policy makers



Replicate In-District/State Advocacy Days



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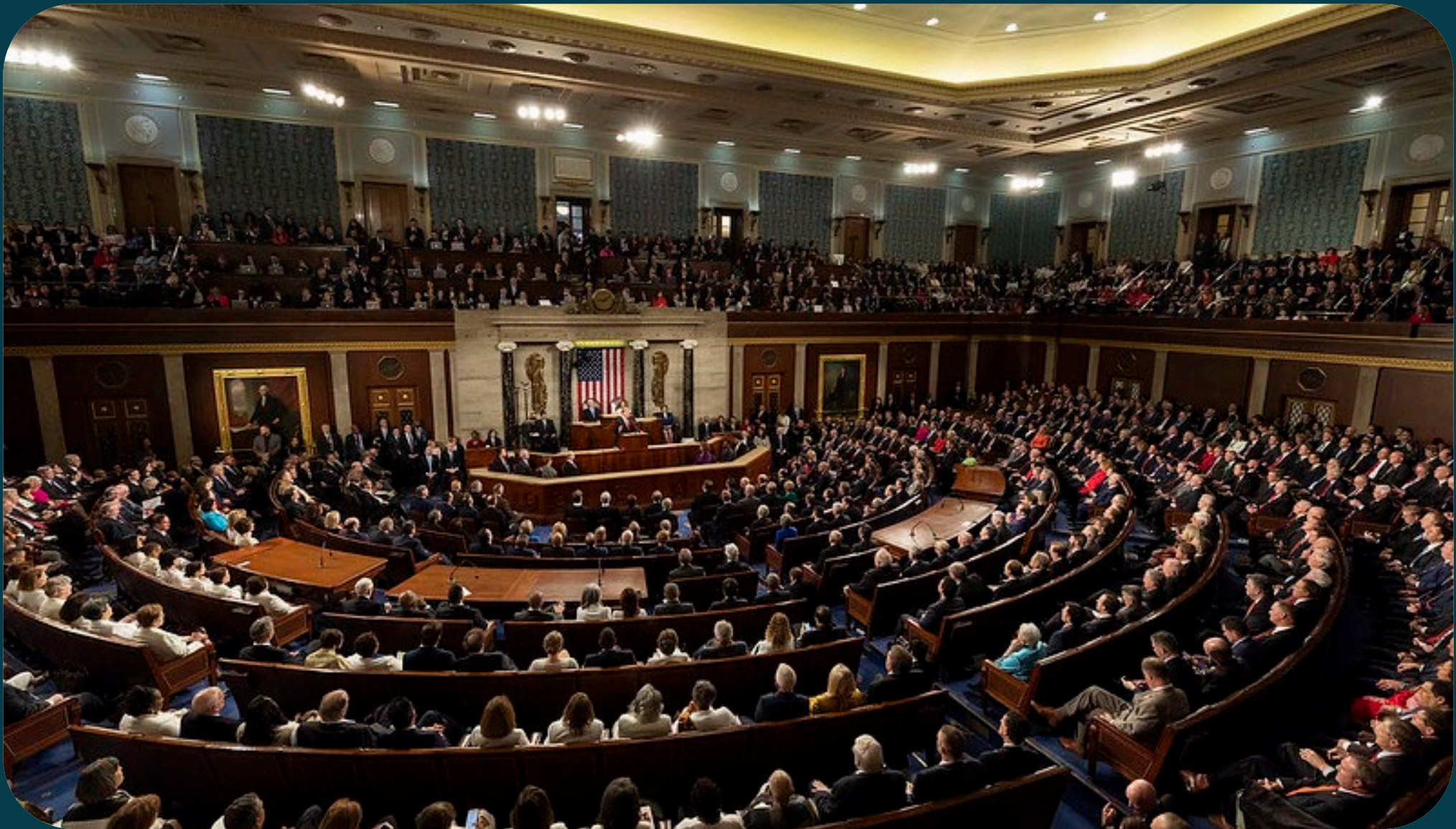
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ASLA Virtual Advocacy Day

Landscape architects are making their voices heard at ASLA's Virtual Advocacy Day on July 22nd. Join your colleagues for virtual meetings with congressional offices to advocate for issues important to the profession.

[Register HERE](#)



Learn the Issues



Preparing for Advocacy Day



ASLA Guide to Hosting Site Tours
With Public Officials

Follow Up

Advocacy Day Website



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Advocacy Day Resources

Tools & Resources

Advocacy Training Webinars:

- [Learning the Issues: From Design Expertise to Policy Impact](#) *Recording Available*
 - [Learning the Issues](#) *PDF Version*
- [Know Before You Go: Strategies for Successful Policy Meetings](#) (July 15 @ 3:00pm ET)

Before Your Legislative Meetings:

- [Advocacy Day FAQs](#)
- [Advocacy Day State Leads](#)
- [Learning About Your Legislators](#)
- [Members of Congress Not Returning](#)
- [Learning the Issues](#)
- [ASLA iAdvocate Network](#)

During Your Legislative Meetings:

- Revitalizing America's Schoolyards Act: [Talking Points](#) | [Leave Behind](#)
- Transportation Alternatives Program: Talking Points | Leave Behind (Coming Soon)
- [Telling Your Personal Story](#)
- [Landscape Architects Design Healthy, Safe, Resilient Communities/Editable Version](#)
- [Landscape Architects Design Transportation Networks/Editable Version](#)
- ASLA Advocacy Day Web Portal Instructions

After Your Legislative Meetings:

- [Your Follow Up](#)

Advocacy Day Website



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Learning The Issues webinar
recording is available

**Transportation Alternatives
Program**

**Revitalizing America's
Schoolyards**

Learning the Issues

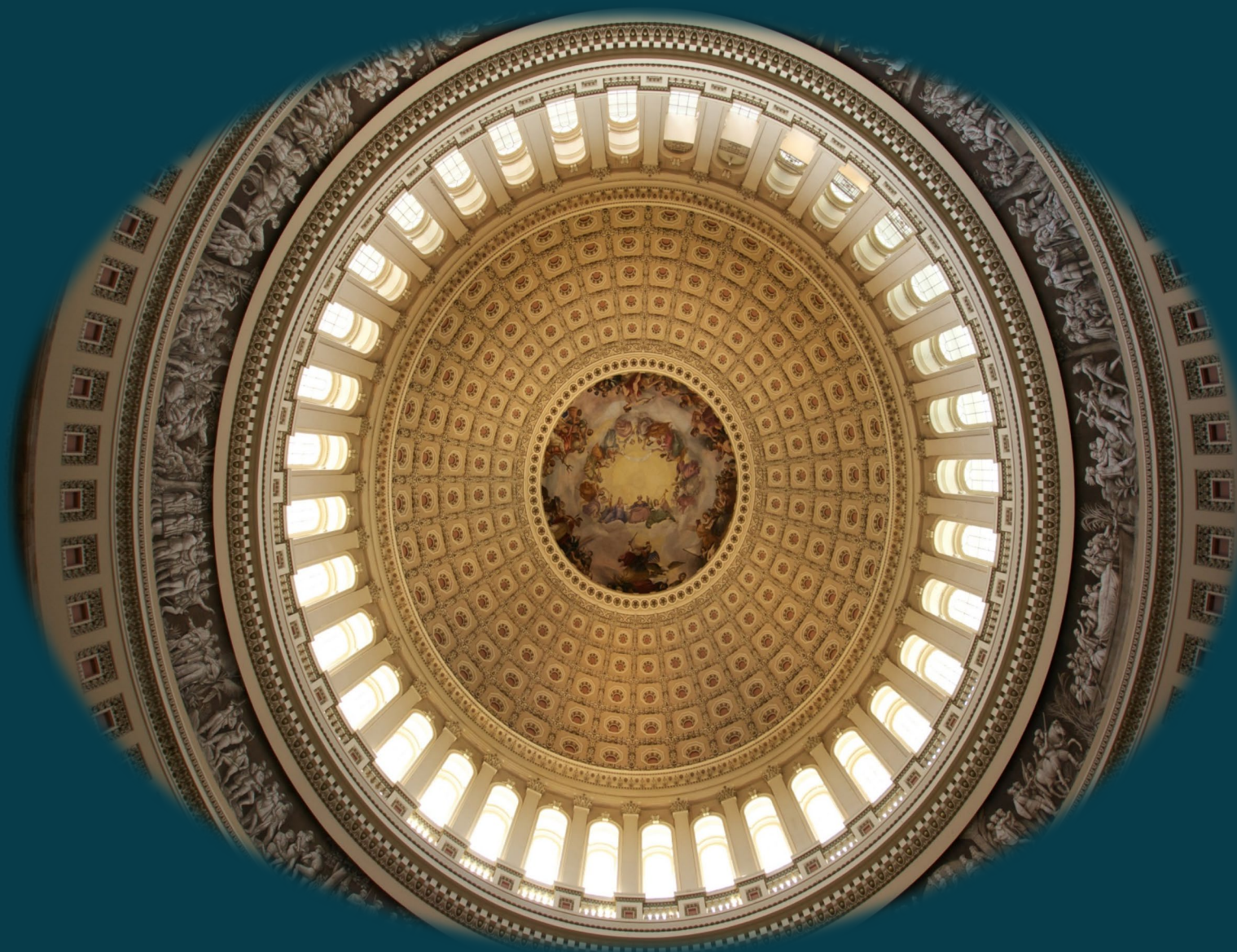


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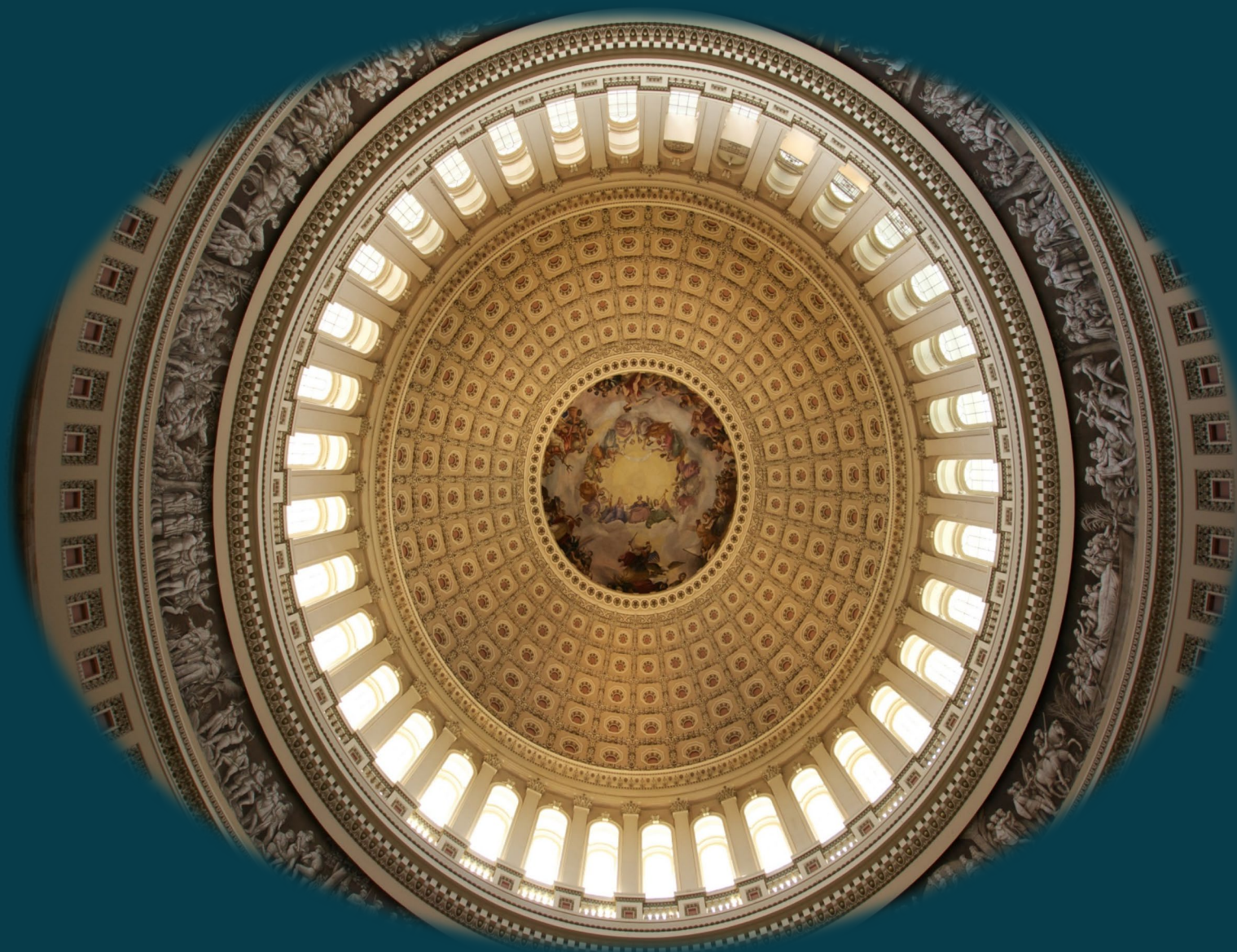
Photo: ASLA Advocacy Day 2016

Landscape Architects in Action



Four Keys for Effective Advocacy:

1. Know your audience
 - A. Read bios to relate to members and issues (interests, committees, views)
2. Know how to talk to them
 - A. SPIT technique: specific; personal; informative; timely
3. Know what you want (ASK)
4. Know how to follow up
 - A. email, letter, site tour visit
 - B. builds and maintain relationships



Four Keys for Effective Advocacy:

1. Know what you
want (the Ask)

Effective Advocacy



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Transportation Alternatives Program

- Authorizes policies and funding for bike/ped, trails, SRTS, and other related projects.
- Current law prohibits transferring TA funding for other purposes.
- \$1.66 billion is recommended funding



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- All legislative meetings **MUST** include an ASK.
- **MUST** be in the form of question.



“The ASK”

In the Senate:

- *Will you/your boss support:*
 - *a robust Transportation Alternatives Program that includes all current project categories.*
 - *maintaining current law that calls on states not to transfer TA funds for other purposes.*
 - *providing at least \$1.66 billion annually for TA program.*



Transportation Alternatives Program... “The Ask”



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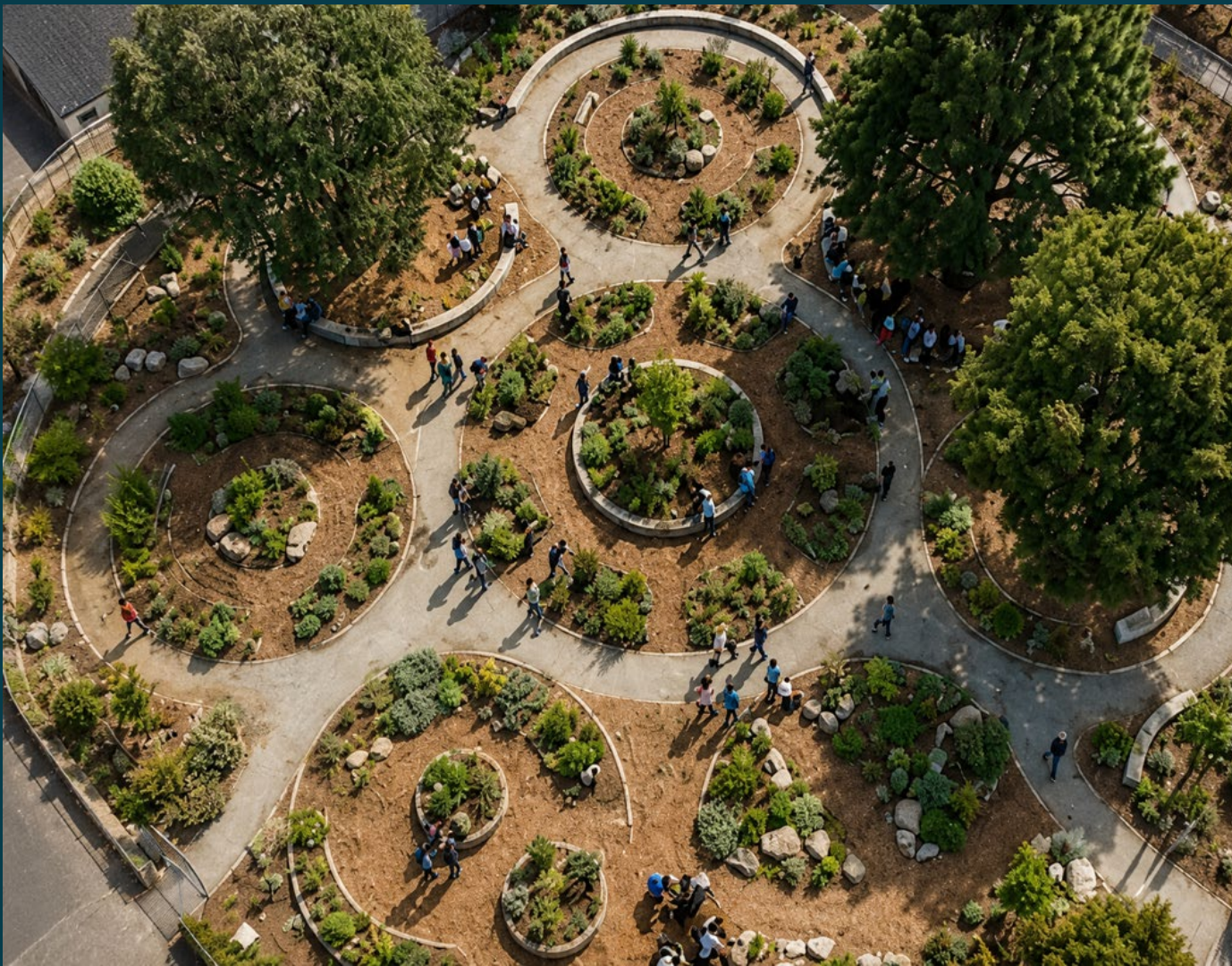


Image Credit: Markham Elementary School, Oakland, CA. Photo by Paige Green for Education Outside / Green Schoolyards America.

Revitalizing America's Schoolyards Act

- **Creates a federal grant program** to help public schools plan and build green, resilient schoolyards.
- **Improves student health, learning, and climate resilience** through trees, green infrastructure, outdoor classrooms, and nature-based play.
- **Prioritizes investments in underserved communities** while expanding equitable access to safe, healthy outdoor learning environments.



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In the Senate: *Will you/your boss cosponsor S. 4258, the Revitalizing America's Schoolyards Act.*

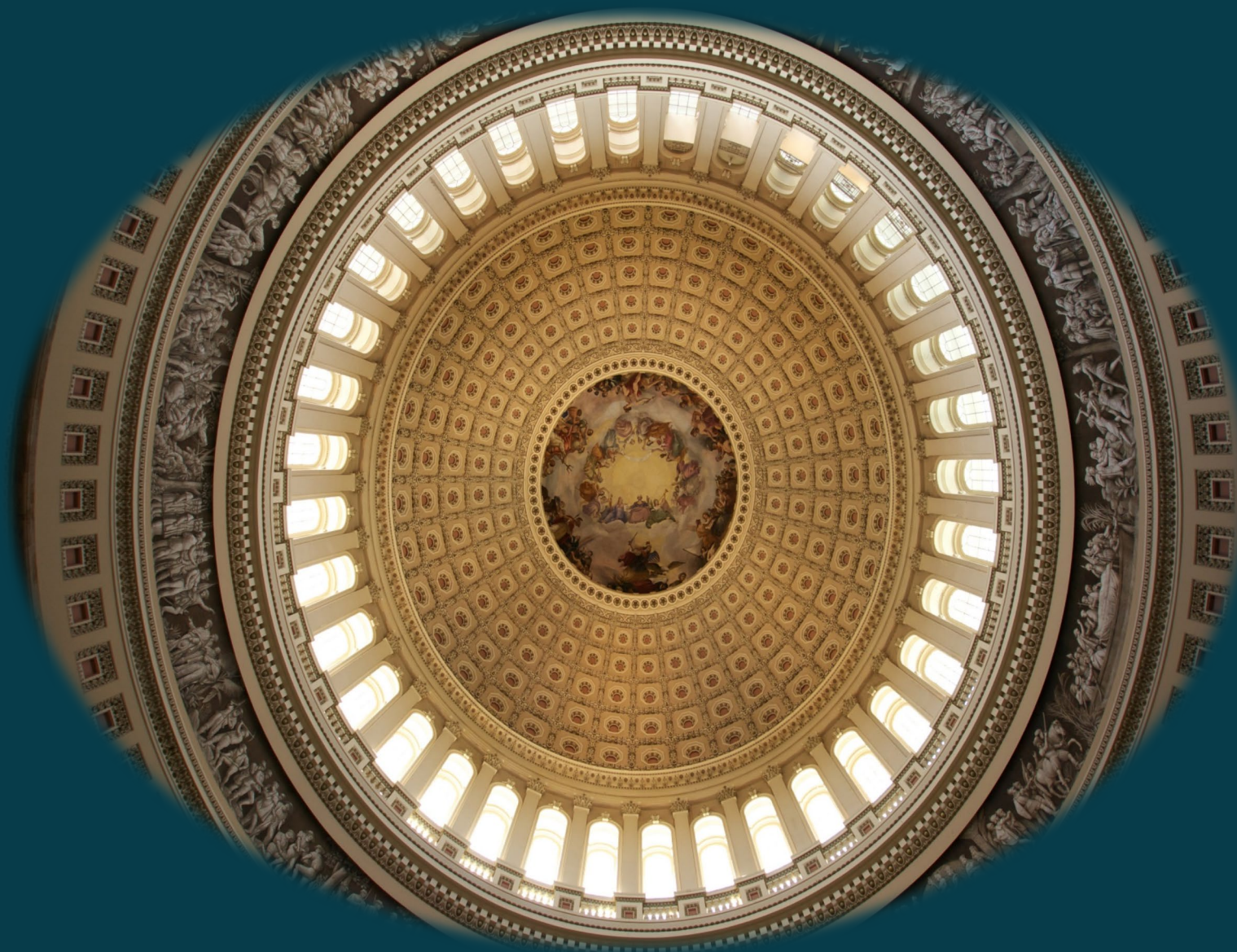
In the House: *Will you/your boss cosponsor H.R. 8303, the Revitalizing America's Schoolyards Act.*



Revitalizing America's Schoolyard... "The Ask"



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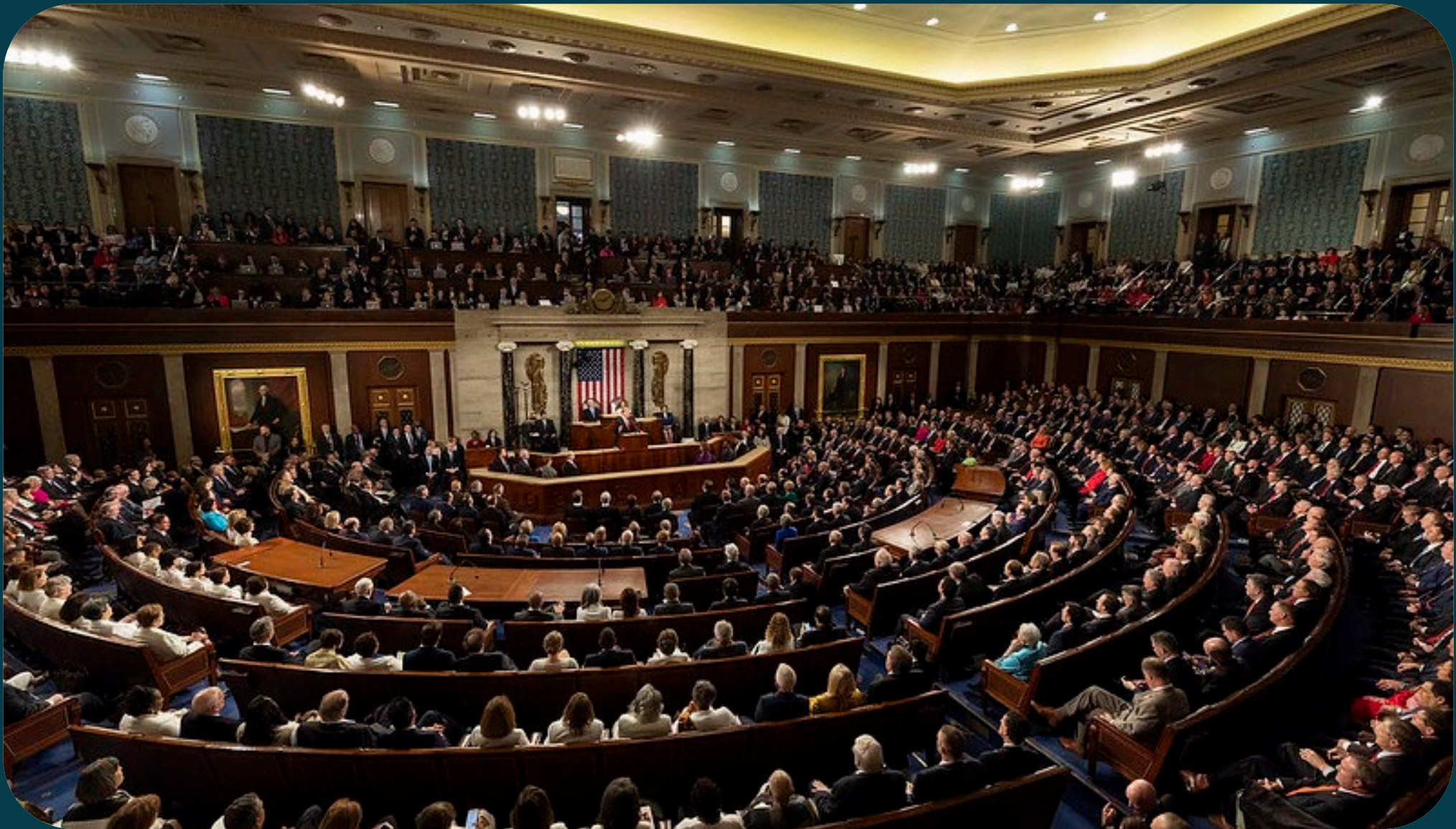
Four Keys for Effective Advocacy:

2. Know who you
are talking to
(audience)

Effective Advocacy



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Know Your Legislators!



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This is Critical - Bike-Ped Funding in Jeopardy—Act Now!



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Congress is deciding the future of our transportation system right now, and key legislators have signaled ending bike-ped and trails programs and funding. ASLA has joined a coalition of national, state, and local organizations in urging Congress to continue its support for...

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View Your Officials

Home Street Address

Home Zip

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Federal

Your President, Vice President, US Senators, and Representatives are responsible for national governance, including defense, international relations, and federal legislation affecting taxes, healthcare, and immigration.



The President Donald Trump
(Republican)



Vice President JD Vance
(Republican)



Senator Alex Padilla
(Democrat)



Senator Adam Schiff
(Democrat)



Representative Sydney Kamlager-D
(Democrat)

State

Your Governor, State Senators, and Representatives oversee state level issues such as education, transportation, public safety, and state healthcare programs, directly impacting the day-to-day operations and services within your state.



Governor Gavin Newsom
(Democrat)



Lt. Governor Eleni Kounalakis
(Democrat)



Secretary of State Shirley Weber
(Democrat)



Attorney General Rob Bonta
(Democrat)



Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas
(Democrat)

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Departing Member List

119th Congress

(as of 07/01/2026)

Retiring or seeking other office

Democrats

Sherrill (D), NJ (Governor)

Pappas (D), NH (Senate)

Stevens (D), MI (Senate)

Craig (D), MN (Senate)

Schakowsky (D), IL

Krishnamoorthi (D), IL (Senate)

Republicans

Biggs (R), AZ (Governor)

Donalds (R), FL (Governor)

Rose (R), TN (Governor)

James (R), MI (Governor)

Barr (R), KY (Senate)

Feenstra (R), IA (Governor)

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Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Members

Majority

- Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Chairman
- Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND)
- Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)
- Sen. John Curtis (R-UT)
- Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK)
- Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE)
- Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)
- Sen. John Boozman (R-AR)
- Sen. Jon Husted (R-OH)

Minority

- Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Ranking Member
- Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT)
- Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
- Sen. Edward J. Markey (D-MA)
- Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ)
- Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA)
- Sen. Adam Schiff (D-CA)
- Sen. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE)
- Sen. Angela Alsobrooks (D-MD)



LEARNING ABOUT YOUR LEGISLATORS

One of the first and most important steps to becoming an effective advocate is to research and learn about the legislators you are trying to influence. Uncovering background information, legislative activities, and personal details about decision makers could be key to achieving your policy goals.

Background Information: Use [ASLA's iAdvocate Network](#) to identify your **federal** legislators.

Enter your address and zip code to access the full list of your federal and state legislators. Click on the federal legislator's name to find basic personal, political, staff, and contact information.

- Legislator's Name
- Office
- What other elected positions have the legislator held in the past?
- Research personal information — education, professional organizations, hobbies, etc.
- What are the legislators' committee assignments? Is your legislator on Senate Environment and Public Works? Or House Transportation and Infrastructure?
- Use [this website](#) to learn if your legislator is leaving Congress after this year.

Priority Issues: Visit your legislator's website to learn about their priority legislative issues, activities in the congressional district or state, news and press releases, and more. For House of Representatives use last name + House.gov, i.e. Titus.House.gov. For Senate use last name + Senate.gov, i.e. Fischer.Senate.gov.

- What are the top 3 policy issues for this legislator?
- What is the legislator's position/stance on ASLA's key priorities:
 - Active Transportation
 - Climate Resiliency and Biodiversity
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Water and Stormwater Management

Legislative Information: Use [Congress.gov](#) to locate legislation and other activities relevant to your legislators.

- What bills did your legislator introduce? Cosponsor?
- Is your legislator a cosponsor of the [Revitalizing America's Schoolyards Act](#) (S.4258, H.R. 8303)?
- Is your legislator a cosponsor of the [Complete Streets Act of 2025](#) (H.R. 3712, S.1953)?

The District or State

- What cities and towns are included in the legislators' district/state? This information may help you identify landscape architecture projects in the legislator's district/state?
- What are the legislators' key constituent activities in the congressional district — ribbon cuttings, parades, infrastructure project visits, Town Halls?

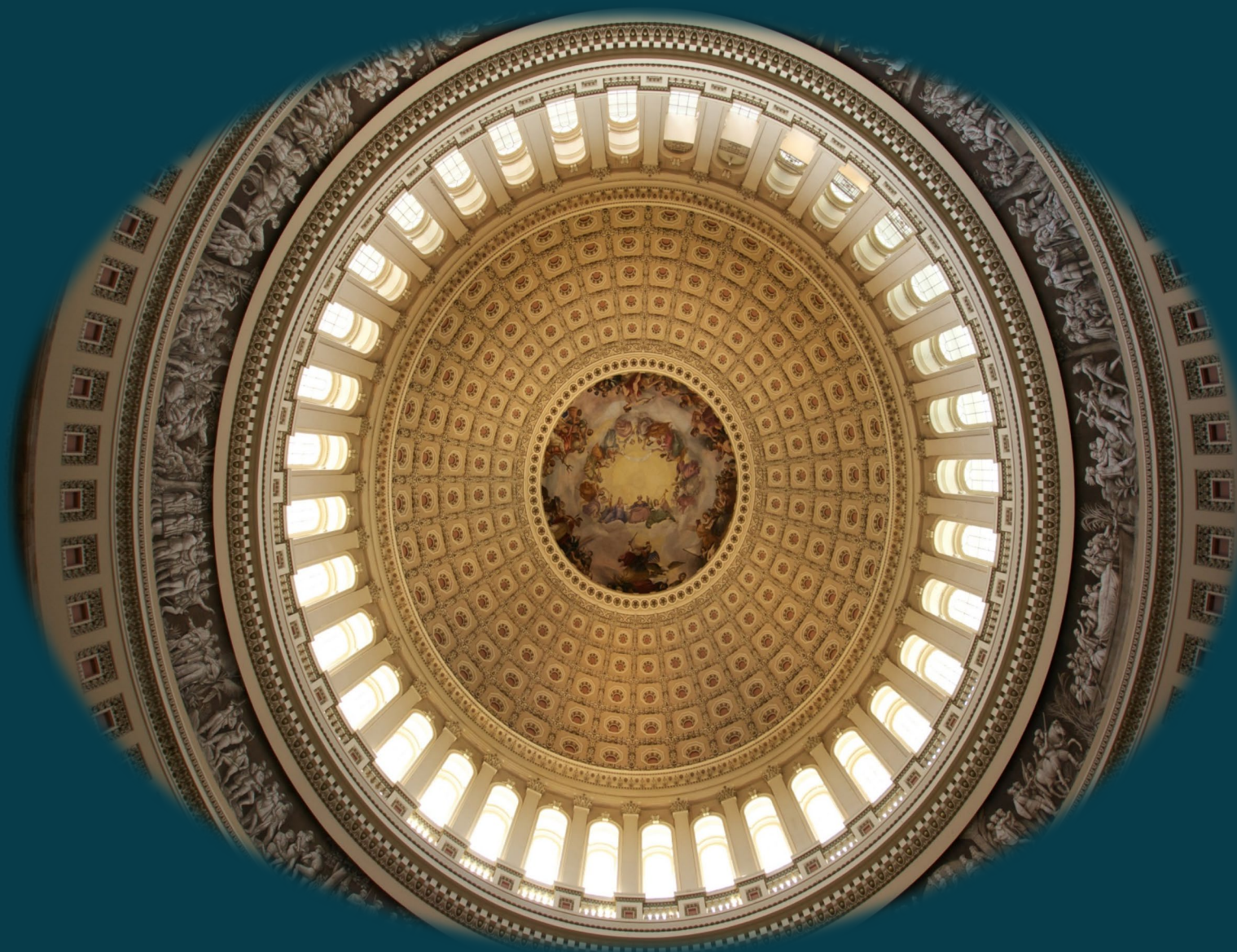
Your Personal Connections: While researching your legislation and policy makers, you may discover that you have a personal connection to your legislators — you attended the same college, you both are cyclists or hikers, or you connect on social media and other outlets. These personal connections can be conversation icebreakers, or a tool to help the legislator understand landscape architecture.

- Do you have a personal connection with the legislator? School, church, community organizations, other?
- Do you receive newsletters or other official correspondence from the legislator?
- Do you participate in the legislator's town hall meetings?
- Do you have mutual social media connections, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram?





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Four Keys for Effective Advocacy:

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specific; personal;
informative; timely

Know How to Talk to Policy Makers



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Specific

Personal

Informative

Timely

SPIT Technique



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**Support the Transportation
Alternatives Program**

**Cosponsor the Revitalizing
America's Schoolyards Act**

Specific Asks



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Telling Your Personal Story

As you prepare to meet with your legislators, an important part of your meetings is to "tell your personal story." As design professionals, you are well equipped to demonstrate how landscape architecture projects and the policies that impact them provide important benefits to the community. Incorporating the tips provided below coupled with issue talking points can help you develop a persuasive narrative to ensure that your legislative priorities are not only conveyed but remembered, too.

Tell Your Legislator About You

Do you live or work in the congressional district?

Communicate whether you live or work in the congressional district, which is important because it helps to establish a connection between you and the legislator and his/her staff.

Are you an employer in the congressional district?

If you are an employer in the congressional district, how many people do you employ? This too, will help to establish a connection between you and the legislator and his/her staff. As an employer, you also provide important services to the district, including economic development, local jobs, revenue, and community development services.

Know the Problem AND Suggest a Solution

What is the problem facing your community and how will legislation address it?

Discuss the problem that is facing the community, state, or country. Research the facts and data that demonstrate the problem. Discuss how the legislation will address the problem or other issues in your community.

Are you part of the solution?

Emphasize how landscape architecture is able to correct the problem and can address other community issues, too. Let the legislator know that you are available as a resource to help with issues in the congressional district and across the state.

Discuss Your Work

What projects are you and your colleagues working on?

Bring images of projects that relate to the legislative issues you are discussing. Before and after images of projects can be very persuasive. Bring newspaper clippings or printouts of online articles that evidence the positive impact of the work of landscape architects in the district.

What projects are needed in your district?

Landscape architects design and collaborate on a wide variety of projects integral to local, state, and national development. Be prepared to describe projects in which landscape architects and the programs that support the profession play a pivotal role in improving the economic, structural, and environmental improvements in the community.

Making "The Ask"

Do you have a clear and specific ask for your legislators?

Now that you have explained who you are, what you do, and some of the issues impacting your community, it's time to focus on "The Ask." The Ask is one of the most important parts of your meeting. The Ask should be clear, concise, and specific, e.g. *Please support H.R. 123, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Improvement Act.*

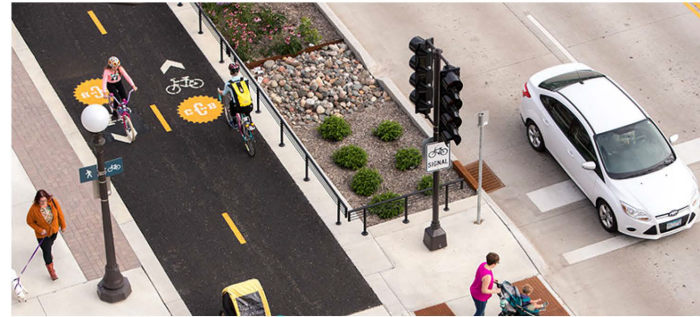
If the meeting ends without an "Ask" from you, the legislator and staff have little incentive to pursue the topic you discussed. The Ask also gives you a reason to follow-up with the staffer at a later date - a way to stay in touch with the office and continue to build a relationship.



Transportation Leave Behind



Landscape Architects Design Transportation Networks



Well-designed transportation systems do more than connect people and places. They make communities better places to live, enhance safety and economic development, and protect the environment. Landscape architects use their design expertise, gained through rigorous STEM education and training, to ensure our nation's transportation network improves everybody's quality of life.

Last reconstructed more than half a century ago, Toole Design transformed Jackson Street in Saint Paul, Minnesota by incorporating an all-ages, all-abilities bikeway, partitioned from motor vehicles by low rails and green buffers, creating a truly multimodal corridor.

Jackson Street Reconstruction Project, Saint Paul, Minnesota, Toole Design, / Bruce Buckley Photography for Toole Design.

Landscape architects collaborate with planners, engineers, government agencies, and the public to create transportation networks that help motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians move safely. They convert abandoned rail lines and rights-of-way into trails where people exercise and connect with nature. And they design accessible pathways that provide freedom of movement for people with mobility challenges.

With a powerful grasp of engineering, ecology, and the natural sciences, landscape architects design transportation solutions that also provide other community benefits. Landscape architecture transportation projects also:

Create wildlife corridors that maintain critical habitats and migration routes.

Deploy vegetation that prevents erosion beneath roadbeds and manages stormwater.

Repair and revitalize communities that were severed by highways and other roads.

Landscape architects are licensed in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to protect the health, safety, and well-being of the people they serve. Combining 21st-century technologies with a keen understanding of design and nature, landscape architects provide cost-effective solutions that make our transportation system work for everyone.

Whether you travel by car, bus, bike, scooter, or on foot, landscape architects make our transportation networks more convenient, safer, and healthier for all.

About ASLA

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Example: Project Leave Behind from New Mexico Chapter

BIG I LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Big I roadway reconstruction (intersection of I-40 and I-25) was completed in 2002, but the landscape was not addressed as part of the original project due to lack of funding. Left incomplete, the steep slopes eroded and disrupted the stormwater management infrastructure. The landscape, constructed in 2006, incorporates a variety of native and naturalized plants that provide a wide range of ecosystem and traffic calming benefits.

The Big I is heavily used by both residents and visitors, carrying over 300,000 vehicles per day. Cultural, geological and botanical themes inform the unique character of the city and state. Integral artwork complements the structure of the roadways and fly-overs and provides visual interest.

BENEFITS

- erosion control
- passive water harvesting
- reduction of CO² of nearly 300,000 pounds per year from 1,333 trees¹
- reduction in stormwater runoff of over 700,000 gallons per year from 1,333 trees¹
- driver stress reduction²
- food and shelter for birds, butterflies, and native bees at various life stages³

1. National Tree Offset Calculator, Casey Trees and Casey Tree Export Co. Web. 11 April 2018.
2. Parsons, P., L. G. Forrester, R. S. Ulrich, M. P. Hebl, and M. Grossman-Alexander. 1998. The Value From the Road: Implications for Street Recovery and Urbanization. Journal of Environmental Psychology 18, 2: 119-140.
3. Native Plant Information Network, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. The University of Texas at Austin. Web. 11 April 2018.



plantings, slope stabilization, and stormwater detention basins



integrated artwork

EROSION

Mitigation of erosion, sediments loads, and chemical laden roadway runoff were key considerations in the landscape design.



Before: erosion and weed proliferation

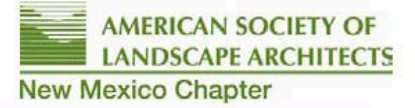
SOLUTIONS

Gravel splash pads and check dams dissipate the erosive force of concentrated discharges. Rip rap lined swales remove large and small particulates while directing stormwater to detention basins. The native and naturalized planting in and around the basins provide additional filtration. Gabions, contouring, and gravel mulch stabilize the steep slopes.



After: check dams and gravel swales direct stormwater

I-40 MEDIAN: COORS TO UNSER ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project landscaped approximately a mile and a half of the Interstate 40 median on the western edge of Albuquerque. Colored gravel mulch patterns reflect the braided arroyo patterns that are characteristic of the region. The center of the median is graded to distribute stormwater and features check dams constructed of locally sourced rock to slow the flow and allow infiltration. Native and naturalized plantings are strategically placed to create undulating vertical and horizontal patterns within the 'clear zone' of the median. This scheme establishes rhythm and interest, creating an attractive yet safe visual feature. The overall landscape concept provides a welcoming and fluid gateway landscape for Albuquerque's west entry.

BENEFITS

- erosion control
- passive water harvesting
- reduction of CO² of nearly 90,000 pounds per year from 298 trees¹
- reduction in stormwater runoff of over 200,000 gallons per year from 298 trees¹
- driver stress reduction²
- food and shelter for birds, butterflies, and native bees at various life stages³

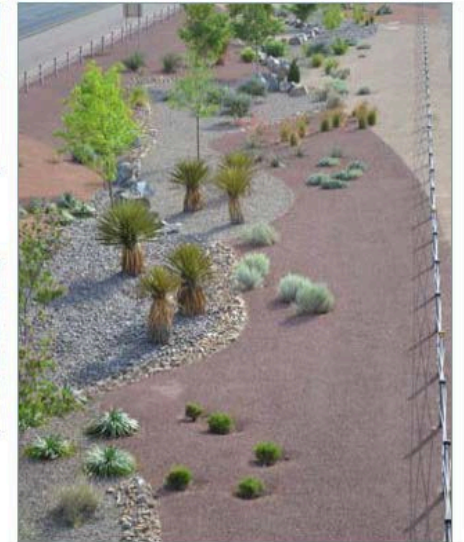
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native and naturalized plants provide:
• nectar, larval hosts, and shelter for pollinators
• seeds, berries, insects, and shelter for birds



planted medians provide relief to drivers in an industrial corridor



stormwater harvesting and distribution

PERSONAL – Share Local Projects



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Landscape Architects Design Healthy, Safe, Resilient Communities



Landscape architects plan and design healthy, safe, and resilient outdoor spaces for all. As STEM professionals, they blend science and creativity to enhance our communities, making them vibrant places to live, work, and play. From small towns to the largest cities, landscape architects engage with communities to create cherished spaces.

Landscape architects have designed some of the most iconic projects across the nation, including:

- Central Park in New York City
- The grounds of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.
- The grounds of the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri
- Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia

Good design does not happen by accident. Achieving an outdoor environment that is accessible, useful, and enjoyable for all requires the knowledge, experience, and unique skill set of landscape architects. All 50 states and the District of Columbia require landscape architects to be licensed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Becoming a professional landscape architect (PLA) requires:

- Rigorous STEM education
- Experience under the direct supervision of a PLA
- Passage of a comprehensive national licensing examination

Landscape architects have the training, education, and expertise to lead the design, planning, and implementation of community infrastructure projects in a way that fosters sustainable development, generates jobs, encourages healthy lifestyles, and creates equitable and economically vibrant communities.

In Charlestown, Massachusetts, landscape architects at Offshoots, Inc. designed a park that addresses coastal flooding, mitigates air and groundwater pollution, and serves as a multimodal transportation hub. Image credit: ASLA 2023 Professional General Design Honor Award, Hood Bike Park, Charlestown, Massachusetts. Offshoots, Inc. Peter Vanderwerker Photography/Offshoots, Inc.

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Landscape Architects Design:

WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Communities often face hazardous floods, severe droughts, and other water management issues. Landscape architects plan and design bioswales, green roofs, rain gardens, constructed wetlands, living shorelines, and other nature-based solutions to help effectively manage and conserve water. According to the Congressional Research Service, these proven technologies can be built for 5 to 30 percent less—and maintained for 25 percent less—than conventional gray infrastructure.



Landscape architects keep students at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona safe from dangerous flooding.

Image credit: ASLA 2021 Professional General Design Honor Award, Orange Mall Green Infrastructure, Tempe, Arizona. COLWELL SHELOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE/Arizona State University

OUTDOOR RECREATION SPACES

Parks, trail systems, and other recreational landscapes are critical to communities. Landscape architects plan and design local, state, and national park projects in ways that protect and advance human, environmental, and economic health. They apply specific design techniques to affect trail grades, species habitat, locations of natural and human-made structures, and access to cultural resources. These park projects enhance the outdoor recreation economy, an area that—according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis—contributes \$1.1 trillion to annual GDP.



In Omaha, Nebraska, OJB Landscape Architecture designed a space that brings the community together.

Image credit: ASLA 2023 Professional General Design Honor Award, Remaking a 1970's Downtown Park Into a New Public Realm, Omaha, Nebraska. OJB Landscape Architecture

TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS

Landscape architects are leaders in designing transportation systems that serve all people and include all modes of transportation, including transit stations, bike lanes, pedestrian walkways, trails, and more. These active transportation projects reduce reliance on cars, which in turn reduces traffic, improves air quality, and promotes healthy lifestyles. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, active transportation projects provide many economic benefits, from increased tourism dollars to improved property values and reduced daily commuter costs.



In Detroit, Michigan, SmithGroup designed a street safe for all people.

Image credit: ASLA 2023 Professional Analysis and Planning Honor Award, Joe Lewis Greenway Framework Plan, Detroit, Michigan, SmithGroup

RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Landscape architects use their education and experience in science and environmental design to address the realities of a changing climate, including extreme heat, drought, fires, flooding, and sea level rise. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reports that climate- and weather-related events have cost the U.S. an average of \$123 billion each year. Landscape architects plan and design nature-based infrastructure that reduces weather-related impacts, mitigates ecological harms, and improves public health, safety, and welfare.



Landscape architects with RIOS used trees to create shade and cool the air in downtown Palm Springs, California.

Image credit: ASLA 2022 Professional General Design Award of Excellence, Palm Springs Downtown Park, Palm Springs, California. RIOS

Be Informative – Educate Policy Makers About Landscape Architecture



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Discuss current issues

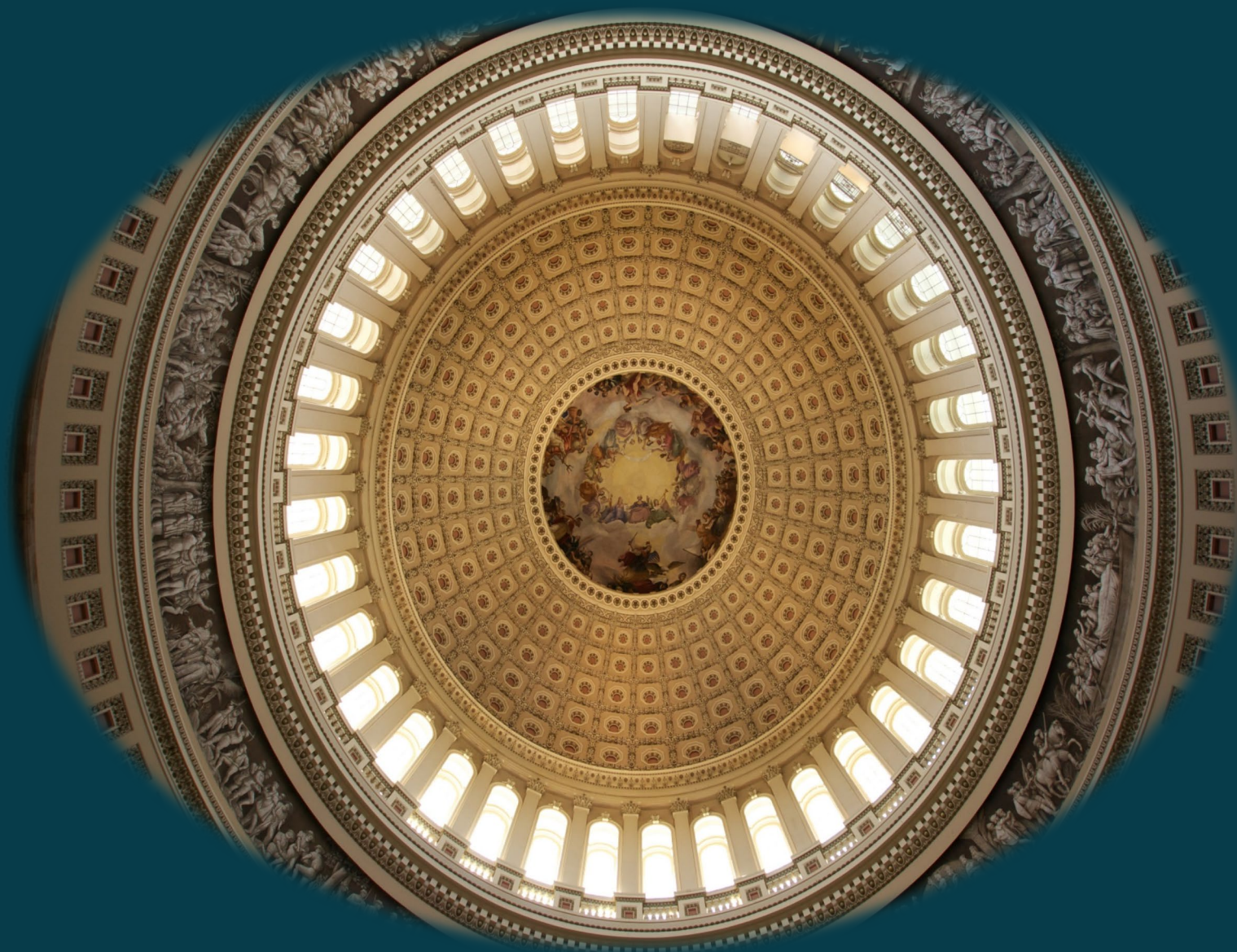
Current Surface Transportation law expires September 30, 2026

Revitalizing America's Schoolyards Act recently introduced and seeking cosponsors.

Timely



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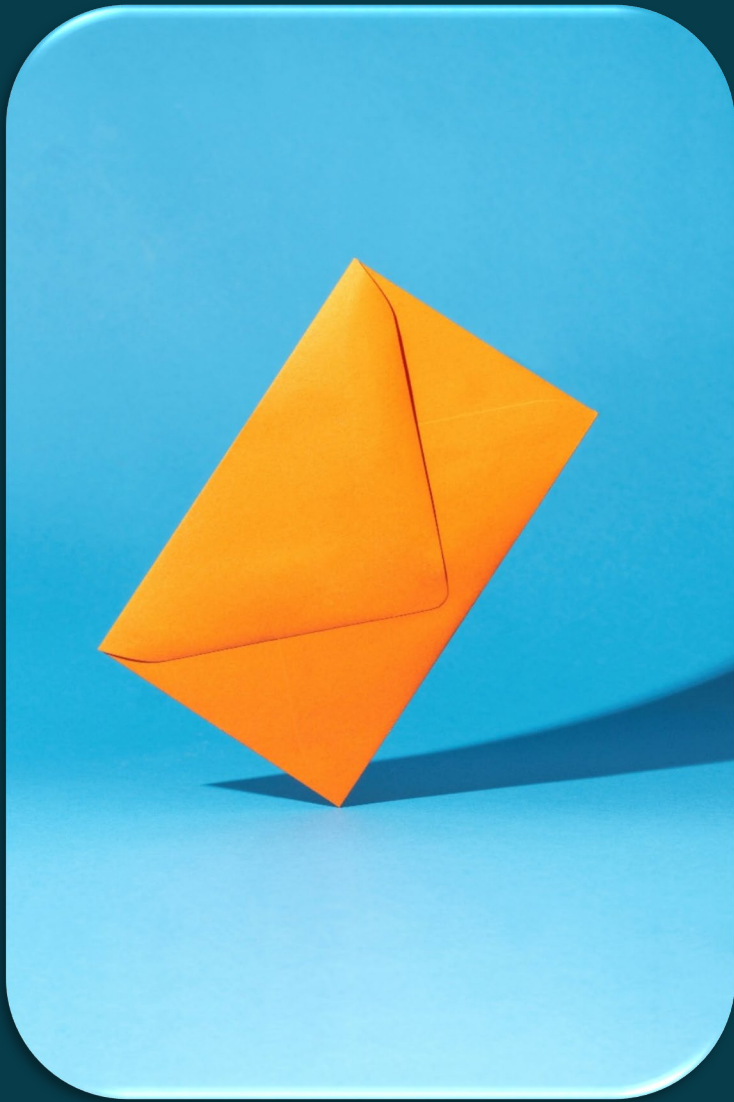
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Follow Up

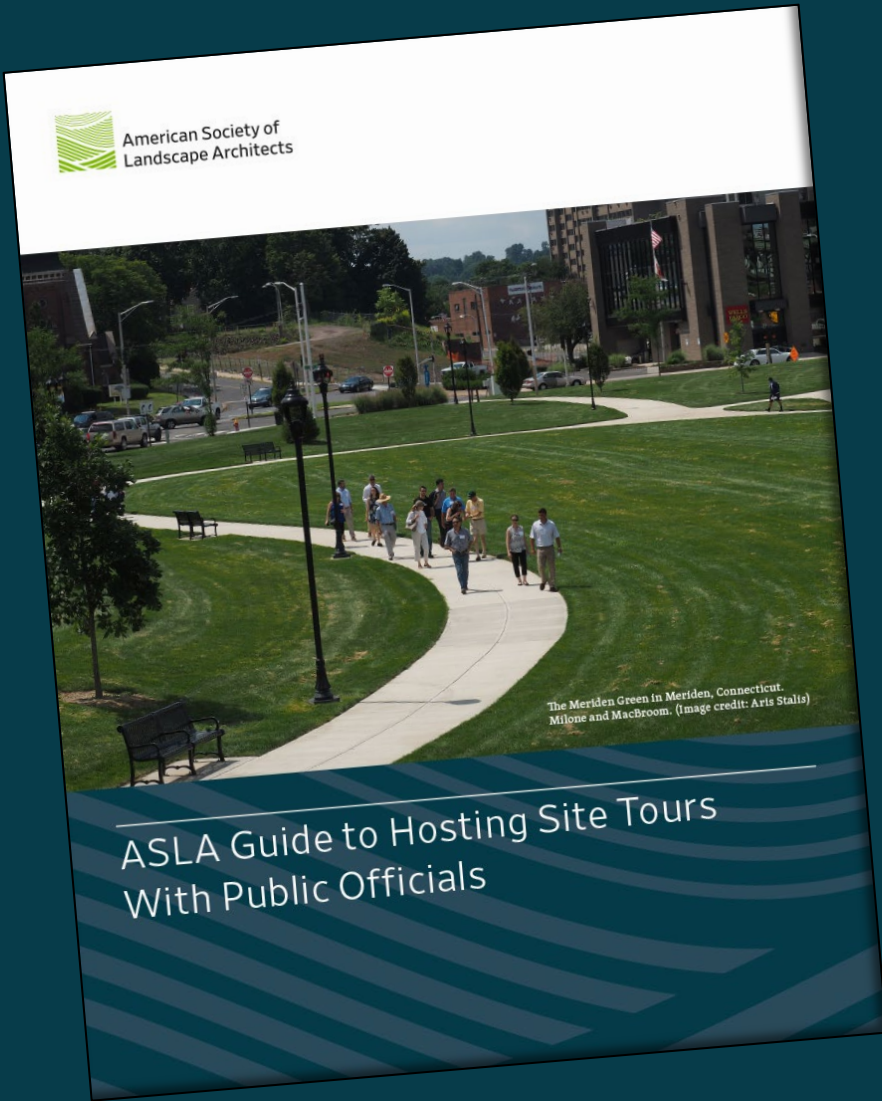


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Follow up with your legislators
after your meetings

Thank You



ASLA Guide to Hosting Site Tours With Public Officials

Follow Up w/ a Site Tour

JOHN BARRASSO
Majority Whip

DICK DURBIN
Democratic Whip

UNITED STATES SENATE
119th Congress, 2nd Session

2026

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH						
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Red days = Senate not in session

○ = Federal Holiday

2ND SESSION CONVENES - JANUARY 5, 2026

TARGET ADJOURNMENT - DECEMBER 18, 2026



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1. Arrive early

2. Ask the Office about the length of the meeting.

3. Deliver your message concisely.



1. Be prepared to answer questions
2. Provide materials to support your position
3. Be a resource for the policy maker and his/her staff

Tips for a Successful Congressional Meeting



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“I Don't Know”



Advice from Congressional Offices

“I think the best thing you can do when meeting with a Senator or member of Congress is to connect the dots between the issue and the state or district.”

Congressional Aide
U.S. Congress



State Leads for Congressional Meetings



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Congressional Meeting Agenda:



ASLA Advocacy Day

- Introductions
- Discuss What do Landscape Architects Do
- Transportation Alternatives Program & Projects & Ask
- Revitalizing America's Schoolyards Act & Projects & Ask
- Invitation for a site tour in the district
- Offer your expertise and assistance
- Thank you

- ✓ Contact w/ Team Leads
- ✓ Learn the Issues
- ✓ Know Your Legislators
- ✓ Tell Your Personal Story
- ✓ Prepare Project Leave Behinds
- ✓ Plan Your Follow Up
 - ✓ Thank you letter/email
 - ✓ Site Tour



Advocacy Day Preparation Check List

Help Show Landscape Architects in Action

1. BEFORE JULY 22

Share the “I’m Participating” graphic and let your network know you’re taking part in ASLA Virtual Advocacy Day.

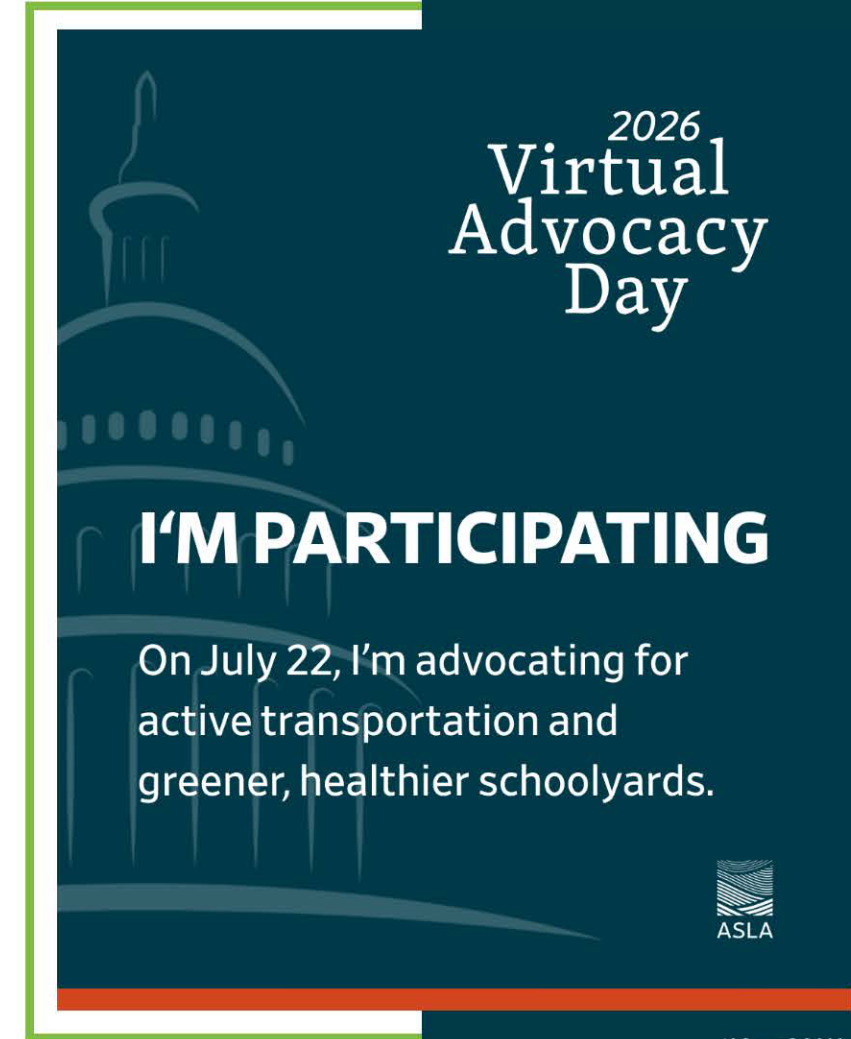
2. ON ADVOCACY DAY

Share the “Landscape Architects in Action” graphic, a meeting screenshot, or a selfie from your workspace.

3. HELP AMPLIFY ADVOCACY DAY

Tag the Members of Congress you meet with and **@NationalASLA** so ASLA can find and share your posts.

Social media graphics and sample posts will be shared with you.





Office Hours

Next Tuesday, July 21

3:00-4:00 PM ET

[Link to follow](#)

Last Minute Questions?



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