



**2006 MOBILITY 21 TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT
RECOMMENDATIONS
Beyond SAFETEA-LU: An Agenda for 2009 Session**

Whereas, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) was enacted into law by President Bush on August 10, 2005 and will expire on September 30, 2009; and

Whereas, in the years leading up to the passage of SAFETEA-LU, stakeholders in Southern California helped create the consensus necessary to boost overall levels of transportation funding for the region compared to the previous surface transportation reauthorization bill (TEA-21); and

Whereas, SAFETEA-LU increased national transportation funding by 31.5% to \$286.4 billion through Fiscal Year 2009; and

Whereas, due in part to the concerted efforts of Mobility 21 supporters, the State of California and Los Angeles County will derive significantly more transit, highway and earmarked funds over and above that provided in TEA-21; and

Whereas, SAFETEA-LU included \$1 billion in earmarks for projects in Los Angeles County, an increase in excess of \$400 million over the level of earmarks provided for the county in TEA-21; and

Whereas, SAFETEA-LU included \$1.5 billion in highway formula funding for Los Angeles County, an increase of over \$245 million over the level of highway formula dollars provided for the county in TEA-21; and

Whereas, SAFETEA-LU included \$1.2 billion in transit formula funding for Los Angeles County, an increase of over \$158 million over the amount of transit formula funds provided for the county in TEA-21; and

Whereas, Mobility 21 actively supported the inclusion of the equity bonus program in SAFETEA-LU, a program which guarantees that 92% of all gas tax dollars paid by Californians into the Federal Highway Trust Fund will be returned to the State; and

Whereas, Mobility 21 successfully lobbied members of the House and Senate to include over \$530 million in earmarks for Los Angeles County in the newly-created "Projects of National and Regional Significance" provision in SAFETEA-LU; and

Whereas, Mobility 21 undertook a vigorous effort to preserve existing funding formulas for the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), thereby preventing the loss of California's substantial share of CMAQ funds from being distributed to other regions of the country; and

Whereas, it is clear that America's next surface transportation authorization bill must provide robust resources to adequately address the enormous mobility challenges faced by the residents of Southern California; and

Whereas, Mobility 21 has and remains prepared to vigorously lead the way in educating Congress on the major transportation funding needs in our region;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mobility 21 will proactively prepare for the reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU in 2009 by educating public and private transportation stakeholders in the southern California region, Members of Congress, the National Governor's Association, and the Executive Branch on the specific formula and project funding our region needs to significantly improve the mobility of people and goods.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mobility 21 will work and create alliances with major transportation stakeholders nationwide, both public and private, who share our vision for a robust federal investment in transportation to lay the groundwork for a SAFETEA-LU reauthorization bill that gives our region the tools to improve the quality of life for the millions of people who live, work and play in southern California.