



**Mobility-21**

**LA County Moving Together  
Los Angeles County Transportation Summit Resolution No. 2002-05  
November 18, 2002**

**Bringing More Federal Transportation Funding to Los Angeles County**

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Description: Resolution endorsing maintenance and expansion of federal funding opportunities to Los Angeles County to provide maximum flexibility in meeting its transportation challenges.

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WHEREAS, The urbanization of Los Angeles County has been greatly influenced by its transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Securing adequate federal transportation funding is critical to the entire California economy; and

WHEREAS, Securing adequate federal transportation funding for implementing short and long range plans is vital to keeping the Los Angeles County economy moving; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County receives less than its needed share of federal funds when compared to the federal taxes paid by its population and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Unmet transportation needs in Los Angeles County amount to more than \$30 billion over the next 25 years; and

WHEREAS, There may be significant opportunities to secure more federal funding through the reauthorization of the federal transportation programs this coming year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MOBILITY-21 COALITION:

THAT Mobility-21 supports maintaining and expanding federal funding for transportation by:

- a. Increasing federal funding levels by raising annual obligation limits and spending down the unobligated balances in the highway trust fund;
- b. Addressing the adequacy of the federal gas tax, capturing a portion of the growth in customs fees, capturing fuel tax revenues on clean fuels and gasohol from the general fund, and increasing the allocation of homeland security funding to transportation projects;
- c. Retaining TEA-21's guaranteed funding sources; and

THAT Mobility-21 opposes efforts to impose an arbitrary funding cap on formula or discretionary transit and Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement funds and ensures that California receives an increased share of transportation funding based on its:

- a. Contribution to federal funds,
- b. Preeminent role in the national economy as evidenced by the international goods movement, and
- c. Higher percentage of people with disabilities; and

THAT Mobility-21 endorses continuance of the basic program structure instituted by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) that provides state, regional and local officials the flexibility to allocate federal funds to highway, transit, local road, and bicycle/pedestrian improvements based on needs; and

THAT Mobility-21 supports increased flexibility for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds and Passenger Facility Charges to ensure that they can be used on airport ground access and security projects outside the airport grounds; and

THAT this resolution shall be widely circulated to interested parties to include the Los Angeles County Congressional delegation, the Governor, members of the California legislature, the cities within the County, the media and others, and is so accordingly Ordered.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MOBILITY-21 COALITION, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2002.

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