
POLICY RESOLUTION PR-13-03
TITLE: EMPOWERING STATES WITH ADDITIONAL TOOLS TO UNLOCK CONGESTED INTERSTATES

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2003, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st century, TEA-21, the legislation authorizing the federal surface transportation program, will expire; and

WHEREAS, the hallmark of the TEA-21 legislation, and its predecessors has been providing states the program flexibility they need to address our nation's transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that as Congress works to reauthorize the federal surface transportation program it must address the growing crisis of congestion that is threatening the free flow of people and commerce across the national highway system and;

WHEREAS, at this time of increasing demands on our highway system, creative and innovative funding options are essential for accelerating highway construction projects the motoring public expects,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that AASHTO supports the bipartisan Freeing Alternatives for Speedy Transportation Act, FAST Act, which provides states and local governments with the flexibility to fund much needed additional highway capacity;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that AASHTO urges Congress to include in its reauthorization of the federal surface transportation program this legislation which empowers states with new tools to address their ever increasing transportation system needs.