



Strengthen the industry and create jobs

Increasing federal investment in highway and mass transit repairs and capacity improvements will boost our economy now...and for many years to come. Every \$1 billion invested by the federal government in highways creates 47,500 jobs annually.

When highway user fees are invested in road, bridge and public transportation improvements, not only are jobs created for construction workers, engineers, miners and factory workers, but also for teachers, nurses, police officers and others as job growth is stimulated throughout our nation's economy.

Transportation investments are also good for American business. Capacity improvements that reduce traffic congestion reduce transportation expenses—increasing productivity...and profits. They'll make America more competitive.

Under the current long-term federal surface transportation program, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), federal highway assistance is scheduled to increase to \$43 billion by 2009.

The U.S. Department of Transportation estimates that the current backlog of unfunded but needed road, highway and bridge repairs and improvements is \$461 billion.

America needs a 21st Century transportation vision that will fund a modern highway system that meets the needs of all Americans.

To find out how you can have a voice in speaking out for America's transportation future, contact The Road Information Program. Log on to www.tripnet.org or call 202-466-6706 for more information.

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