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National Perspective

The Community Transportation
Association of America





Authorization

- Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) – expires September 30, 2009



Investment and Finance

- Increase overall investment in all forms of community and public transportation
- Index the gas tax to match rising prices
- Allow transit agencies to access tax credit blocks
- Capture the value of transit's emission reductions as local match or other revenue
- Realize a full or greater share of true costs of providing human services transportation, especially for medical trips



Energy and Environment

- Tax carbon emissions, with credits recognizing the positive environmental impact of transit
- Convince the public and its leaders of the severity of the energy crisis and the vital role of transit in addressing it
- Conduct more research on alternative fuels that do not increase costs to transit systems
- Demand coordination of federal agencies and programs to fund transit solutions on emissions and fuel use



Social Inclusion

- Improve flexibility in investment and regulations at all levels of government to encourage local innovation
- Raise awareness of services and programs among community leaders and how their missions correspond with larger community needs
- Enhance community involvement and participation, especially at the consumer level
- Be mindful of language and concepts used in communication efforts - use ideas and strategies to achieve change
- Focus on good legislation and good policy to serve all Americans



Connectivity

- Prioritize connecting people - regardless of location, mode, program or status
- Consider the value of and relationships between all modes: bus, rail, air, water, pedestrians and bicycles
- Seize the opportunity of transit's role in large, crucial issue, such as health care, energy, housing and the environment
- Promote a philosophy that encourages Americans to travel without cars
- Identify new and diverse sources of revenue
- Expand the boundaries of transit - we need a national system of connected regions, states and communities



Medicaid

- State Benchmarking Plans

- Deficit Reduction Act



Energy Costs

- On-site fueling programs - construction loans
- Public Transportation Fueling Options
- Corporate/Non-profit fueling options
- Utility Solutions



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