

**Resolution of the  
Southeastern Association of  
State Highway and Transportation Officials**

**EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE UPCOMING RESCISSION  
REQUIRED BY THE  
SAFE, ACCOUNTABLE, FLEXIBLE, EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION  
EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS (SAFETEA-LU)**

**WHEREAS**, since 2003, billions of dollars of Federal-aid highway funds have been rescinded from state transportation departments; and

**WHEREAS**, these rescissions have severely depleted the states' balances of funds; and

**WHEREAS**, SAFETEA-LU requires an additional rescission of \$8.7 billion of Federal highway funds on September 30, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, any future rescissions will severely interrupt the highway planning process in most states; and

**WHEREAS**, an additional rescission will be counterproductive to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the expiration of SAFETEA-LU on September 30, 2009, states will need these balances of funds to operate under a stop-gap funding process until a new surface transportation bill can be enacted; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress will have to restore these rescinded balances of Federal-aid highway funds in Fiscal Year 2010 for states to be able to operate.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO), which represents the transportation departments of twelve states and one territory, urges Congress to repeal the upcoming \$8.7 billion rescission required by SAFETEA-LU.