

**Resolution of the  
Southeastern Association of  
State Highway and Transportation Officials  
New Federal Authorization Legislation**

WHEREAS, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) will expire in 2009,

WHEREAS, the current federal approach to transportation is “broken”, and

WHEREAS, the number of programs has grown dramatically to over 100 highway programs, 45 transit programs and more than 6,000 earmarks; resulting in a cumbersome and unfocused federal-aid program; and

WHEREAS, in the twenty-first century, the United States faces increasing challenges in terms of economic competitiveness, quality of life, traffic congestion, aging transportation infrastructure, and scarcity of natural resources,

WHEREAS, federal, state and metropolitan/local roles and responsibilities must be redefined and serve as a basis for this and future authorizations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) do hereby call upon the U.S. Congress to:

- More clearly define the federal role for the common defense and general welfare of the United States;
- Strengthen the state role for providing statewide integrated transportation systems that are critical in moving people and goods within each State;
- Define authority, responsibilities and accountability for each role level; and
- Align federal programs, funding and oversight responsibilities respectively to each level.

**Approved by the SASHTO Board of Directors  
on August 12, 2008 in Orlando, Florida**