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Transportation
Clean air, clean water
W2W
rural counties - can use help
preserving farmlands
sustaining agricultural endeavor -
* land use development -

Inquiring process
* Smart growth
land use
Examples needed.

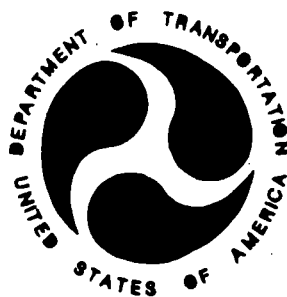
* transp.
* W2W work
* Clean air / water / waste mgmt.
* explore better governance systems -

Technical assistance needed in Jt. Center -
* how pull resources together
* how do we bring back needed info -

Conhill - Federal policies have not been helpful,
supportive -
* best practices
cleaning house to get access to answers to
current problems
* measures performance - where
measured, it improves -

TEA-21

THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY



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THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: TEA-21

The landmark Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century affirms President Clinton's key priorities: improving safety, protecting public health and the environment, and creating opportunity for all Americans. It provides record levels of investment to continue rebuilding America's highways and transit systems, doing so within a balanced budget and without cutting education, Social Security, and other vital Presidential priorities.

✓ Rebuilding America

- Record, guaranteed \$198 billion in surface transportation investment while protecting our commitment to a balanced budget and to President Clinton's other vital priorities.
- Balanced investment in highways, transit, intermodal projects, and technologies such as Intelligent Transportation Systems; strong state and local flexibility in the use of funds.

✓ Improving Safety

- Incentive grants to increase seat belt use and to fight drunk driving by encouraging states to adopt 0.08 blood alcohol concentration standards.
- National "One Call" notification program for pipeline safety.
- Strong programs to continue making roads and rail-highway grade crossings safer.
- Improved truck safety program to get bad drivers and vehicles off the road.

✓ Protecting the Environment

- Expanded Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement and Transportation Enhancements programs to help communities improve the environment.
- Advanced Vehicle Program to develop clean, fuel-efficient trucks.
- Continued programs for National Scenic Byways, bicycle and pedestrian paths, recreational trails, and roadside wildflower plantings.
- Increased tax-free transit benefits to encourage transit ridership.

✓ Creating Opportunity

- Innovative jobs access program to help those moving from welfare to work.
- Continued, effective Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program.
- Strong labor protections for transportation workers.

IMPROVING SAFETY

More than 40,000 Americans die and three million are injured in highway crashes each year, inflicting a tragic toll and costing our economy \$150 billion annually. The fatality rate is at an historic low under President Clinton's leadership, and our challenge is to continue this progress even as traffic increases.

- **Protecting Drivers and Passengers:** \$583 million in incentives to promote seat belt and child safety seat use. An ambitious timetable to develop and implement advanced air bag technologies that protect children and smaller adults while preserving the lifesaving benefits for everyone else.
- **Fighting Drunk Driving:** \$500 million incentive program to encourage states to adopt tough 0.08 blood alcohol concentration standards for drunk driving. \$219 million in grants to encourage graduated licensing and other alternative strategies.
- **Improving Road and Rail-Highway Grade Crossing Safety:** \$3 billion for safety construction, including road hazard reduction and improved safety at rail-highway grade crossings.
- **Motor Carrier Safety:** Restructures the National Motor Carrier Safety Program to give states the ability to tailor solutions to their own needs. Continues the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program to improve trucking and hazardous materials safety.
- **One Call:** Establishes incentives for states to establish or improve "One Call" notification systems to prevent excavation damage to pipelines and other underground facilities.

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

The quality of our nation's environment continues to improve under President Clinton's stewardship. TEA-21, this year's most significant environmental legislation, reaffirms the President's commitment to protecting and enhancing our environment.

- **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program:** Continues this as an independent program, with funding increased by about 35 percent to \$8.1 billion. Helps communities meet national standards for healthy air.
- **Transportation Enhancements:** \$3 billion for transportation projects to improve communities' cultural, aesthetic, and environmental qualities.
- **Transit Benefits:** Increases tax-free employer-paid transit benefits from \$65 to \$100 per month, promoting transit ridership.
- **Advanced Vehicle Program:** \$250 million, matched by private funding, to develop clean, fuel-efficient trucks and other heavy vehicles.
- **Clean Fuels:** \$500 million to buy or lease buses using low-polluting fuels.
- **Sustainable Communities:** Establishes a pilot program to help state and local governments plan environmentally-friendly development.
- **National Scenic Byways:** \$148 million for improvements to roads of scenic or historic value.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Paths:** Expands provisions to make bicycling and walking safer and more viable ways of travel.
- **Recreational Trails:** \$270 million to create and maintain recreational trails.
- **Environmental Streamlining:** Reduces red tape and paperwork in project reviews without compromising environmental protections.

EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY

President Clinton believes that transportation is about more than concrete, asphalt, and steel: it is about people, and about providing them with the opportunity to lead more fulfilling lives. TEA-21 expands opportunity for all Americans.

- **Access to Jobs:** Creates a \$750 million Job Access and Reverse Commute program to help lower-income workers and those making the transition from welfare rolls to payrolls get to jobs.
- **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program:** Ensures that minority- and women-owned businesses have continued opportunity to participate in transportation projects.
- **Protecting American Workers:** Continues vital labor protections for transportation workers, such as Davis-Bacon and 13 (c).
- **Training the Workforce of the Future:** Allows states to reserve highway training positions specifically for welfare recipients.
- **University Transportation Centers:** \$228 million to support university-level education and research programs, a 93 percent increase.
- **Accessibility:** Provides incentive grants to make intercity buses accessible, and enables Surface Transportation Program funds to be used to make sidewalks accessible. Continues the 90 percent federal share for projects to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

REBUILDING AMERICA

President Clinton has made good on his pledge to rebuild America: the conditions and performance of our transportation system have been steadily improving. The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century furthers the President's legacy of rebuilding America by providing record, balanced transportation investment.

- **Record Investment:** Guarantees \$198 billion of investment from FY 1998-2003 while protecting our commitment to a balanced budget and to President Clinton's other vital priorities, such as education, child care, and Social Security.
- **Expanded Highway Programs:** Expands core highway programs, including the National Highway System (\$28.6 billion); Interstate Highway Maintenance (\$23.8 billion); Surface Transportation Program (\$33.3 billion); Bridges (\$20.4 billion); Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (\$8.1 billion); and Federal Lands Highways (\$4.1 billion).
- **Balanced Investment:** Invests not only in highways and bridges but also in transit systems and intermodal projects. \$42 billion authorized for transit.
- **More Flexible Use of Funds:** Gives states and localities greater flexibility in the use of federal funds. Publicly-owned bus terminals and Intelligent Transportation Systems are among the possible uses.
- **Intelligent Transportation Systems:** \$1.3 billion to develop and deploy advanced ITS technologies to improve safety, mobility, and freight shipping. Expanded ability to use other major program funds for ITS.
- **Research and Technology:** \$592 million for transportation research, \$250 million for technology deployment. \$1 billion to develop magnetic levitation trains.
- **Streamlined Planning:** Streamlines the metropolitan and statewide transportation planning processes and includes freight shippers and transit riders as stakeholders. Strengthens the role of local officials and improves public involvement in the planning processes.

PROMOTING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

Under President Clinton's leadership, America is once again the most economically-competitive nation in the world, and this is due in great measure to our transportation system's low costs and reliability. In an increasingly-global economy, keeping transportation efficient is crucial to our continued competitiveness.

- **Border Crossings and Trade Corridors:** \$700 million to support trade and improve security at borders and to design and construct corridors of national significance.
- **Intermodalism:** Promotes balanced, integrated, and efficient transportation to advance America's economic competitiveness. Examples include funding for projects to connect highways with intermodal transportation facilities.
- **Innovative Financing:** Creates a \$530 million credit assistance program to leverage \$10.6 billion for construction projects. Gives states and others greater flexibility in meeting the matching requirements for federal grants.
- **Freight Involvement:** Ensures that freight shippers can participate in the metropolitan and statewide transportation planning processes, so that their interests will be properly considered.
- **Bureau of Transportation Statistics:** \$186 million to support such activities as commodity flow studies and analyses of transportation's role in supporting trade.

Kidney -

SIP - created flexibility -

W2W - \$100 per person - if someone want to
go to work -

jitneys - smaller buses -

Daily non-profits - ~~charity~~ faith-based -

13C

underserved communities -

MPO's -

rural areas - transp. officials must be
consulted - planning process -

Attainment - maintenance -

Comment period - not one & major
agencies has submitted -

15TEA

met yesterday

- Ratt - Chaffee - wanted to go early -
- Senate will move the bill end of month -

series: parents. $\frac{1}{2}$ day.
relatively controversial

Spann - Byrd -
inc. with levels on
annual basis - 4.3¢
in to trust fund -
first in line for any
surplus -

looking for Fastack approach
to meeting it - then authorization

Domenech wanted debate
on all budget items -

If 4.3 goes - how do you replace
the revenues?
opt - out a possibility -

* If elim. - all air pollution
benefits gone from CEMAQ
reductions

Elim. of DBE -
min.

elim. CEMAQ enhancements.
Lautenberg - lower blood
alcohol level

clean air repeal
Davis - Bacon repeal

157EA

prohibit Serig. from lobbying
state & locals of safety measures
H. Tax comm. scored chapter
\$80 ~~sh~~ - puts it on ice - trying to
get jt. tax comm. to pull back -
private sector people have
hurdle on this - tax-exempt bonds -

Process? To pick on these amendments.
SAP's - too many?
need to be available able to
coordinate action -
* have already lost - longer this
takes, worse it is -

Large part - our concerns are
awaiting the funding.
longer we wait, more problems.
People do want things & bill -

May 1st
shut down

may be another
C.R.

domestic cap -
to cover add'l. costs - have to
elim. other things -
won't go - Senate until
budget zero. is passed - Domestic
If Byrd - Gramm came up tom. -
would pass big -

Momentum to delay is
growing - can't influence
want to be leadership.