

**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**

**Resolution of the
Southeastern Association of
State Highway and Transportation Officials
Proposal for “A New Transportation Approach for America”**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has proposed “*A New Transportation Approach for America*”, a plan for overhauling the way transportation decisions and investments are made; and

WHEREAS, the USDOT proposal recognizes that the current federal approach to transportation is “absolutely broken”, and

WHEREAS, the USDOT plan recommends that a coherent strategy and framework be established before funding levels are determined; and

WHEREAS, funding distributions have dominated past federal “reauthorization” debates to the detriment of efforts to provide a simplified program structure.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) do hereby recommend that the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) give careful consideration to the USDOT proposal in developing recommendations for the next federal surface transportation authorization.

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

**Resolution of the
Southeastern Association of
State Highway and Transportation Officials
Commending U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters**

Whereas, Mary Peters was appointed by President George W. Bush as the nation's fifteenth Secretary of Transportation on September 30, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Peter's career spans more than two decades of significant contributions to transportation as Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administrator, and U.S. Secretary of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure at the Arizona Department of Transportation, she was recognized as the *Most Influential Person in Arizona Transportation*; and

WHEREAS, as Federal Highway Administrator, she placed special emphasis on finding new ways to invest in road and bridge construction, including innovative public-private partnerships and was a strong advocate for using new technology to reduce construction time; and

WHEREAS, as Secretary of Transportation, she has led an agency of nearly 60,000 employees and a \$70 billion budget that oversees air, maritime and surface transportation missions; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Peters has worked tirelessly on the most pressing transportation challenges including fighting congestion across modes of transportation, improving safety and addressing the strains on traditional sources of transportation funding;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) commends Mary Peters for her many years of public service and contributions to better transportation throughout our nation; and

Be it further resolved that SASHTO extends best wishes to Mary Peters for future good health and prosperity.

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