

**Resolution of the
Southern Association of
State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO)**

Transportation Funding

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution states the duty of the federal government to provide support for a national transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the federal motor fuel taxes, which comprise about 90 percent of Highway Trust Fund receipts, are facing challenges to their long-term sustainability due to gradual loss of purchasing power resulting from inflation, improved average vehicle fuel economy, and introduction of alternative-fuel vehicle fleets; and

WHEREAS, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) enacted on December 4, 2015 authorizes \$305 billion to support federal highway and transit programs between 2016 and 2020, requiring a General Fund transfer of \$70 billion; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Trust Fund is currently experiencing a deficit between receipts and outlays. The Congressional Budget Office official budget score of the FAST Act, released December 2, 2015, predicts that Congress will need to find more than \$100 billion in additional Highway Trust Fund revenues to fund the next five-year authorization bill from FY 2021 through FY 2025 – an average of at least \$20 billion per year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the federal government must continue to seek stable and sustainable funding sources to ensure an integrated and multi-modal national surface transportation system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Congress should, at a minimum, maintain the funding levels set in the FAST Act, recognizing that they are insufficient to meet transportation needs for the nation. Furthermore, Congress should begin efforts to ensure a seamless continuation of transportation authorization that incorporates a fair, equitable, flexible, and adequately funded distribution of federal funds upon the expiration of the FAST Act in 2020.

Approved by the SASHTO Board of Directors
on August 26, 2014 in New Orleans, Louisiana

Updated on August 4, 2015 to reflect minor changes

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