

# Americans for Transportation Mobility

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

The Americans for Transportation Mobility (ATM) coalition strongly urges you to support H.R. 3074, the "Transportation Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008," as passed by the Appropriations Committee, with funding levels at \$40.216 billion for highways and \$9.731 billion for public transportation. We strongly urge you to oppose any efforts to reduce investment from these levels including eliminating the Revenue Aligned Budget Authority adjustment.

H.R. 3074 honors the commitments to capital investment in highway and public transportation infrastructure made by Congress in Safe Accountable Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and will not increase the federal budget deficit. The ATM coalition believes the legislation provides necessary investments in America's highway and public transportation infrastructure.

America's surface transportation system is becoming increasingly congested and in many places is in disrepair. Both public and private usage of highways and public transportation systems are increasing at rates far outpacing infrastructure investment. A decaying surface transportation system costs our economy \$63 billion annually in lost time and fuel while congestion adds significant pollution to our air and substandard roads claim thousands of lives every year. H.R. 3074 supports investments that will address these problems and pay dividends in terms of supporting America's economic competitiveness by improving efficient, safe, sustainable movement of goods and people in the United States.

As representatives of over 400 major users and providers of the nation's surface transportation infrastructure network including the business and labor communities, our unique coalition is dedicated to ensuring the global competitiveness, economic prosperity and the American way of life by promoting investment in transportation infrastructure. Join us in ensuring these aims by voting for H.R. 3074 and fully funding the programs authorized under SAFETEA-LU, as well as opposing any attempts to reduce highway and transit investment. By doing so, Congress will maintain its commitment to expanding and improving highways and public transit systems that keep our business community competitive, our labor force at work, and our citizens and communities safe.

Sincerely,

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