

POLICY RESOLUTION PR-06-04  
TITLE: HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

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**WHEREAS**, rescission of previously apportioned contract authority has become commonplace in recent appropriations bills, and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, authorizing funding for federal-aid highway, transit and highway transit safety programs, expired on September 30, 2003;

**WHEREAS**, the AASHTO Board of Directors passed a resolution on May 16, 2004 calling for prompt enactment of a well-funded, six-year reauthorization bill;

**WHEREAS**, the Congress has not yet passed a well funded, six-year reauthorization bill;

**WHEREAS**, further extensions are intolerable and have the following negative impacts on the Nation's transportation system:

- Disruption to the construction program
- Adverse effects on transportation decision making
- Safety improvements delayed
- Funding disruptions to grant recipients;

**WHEREAS**, prompt enactment of such a bill before the adjournment of the 108th Congress remains the top priority of state departments of transportation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** if Congress determines that an extension is absolutely necessary, then it should be for six months to avoid a series of disruptive and harmful shorter term extensions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that such extension should provide for funding at levels higher than FY 2004; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that immediate reauthorization of the highway and transit program at maximum funding levels is urgently needed and preferable to any extension; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a six-month extension of the federal-aid highway and transit programs should, to the maximum extent possible, apportion highway funds to the States through the existing core highway programs.