

WHITHER THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION FINANCE?



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Rail~Dolution

Let our advance worrying become advance thinking and planning – Winston Churchill



Jeff Boothe

- Need to understand that we are running out of Federal monies
- Success state and local levels challenges continued Federal investment in transit
- New Starts program is not just about building projects, but about creating places
- Great cities aren't defined by their suburbs, but by their downtowns



Partner, Holland and Knight

> Chair, New Starts Working Group

> Chair, Community Streetcar Coalition

Scott Bernstein

- Americans are spending \$1 out of every \$5 on transportation.
- What is it we think we're buying? Only mobility or a better economy?
- Accountability needs to be between agencies and also with the public.
- Need to manage all assets of the transportation system.



**President, Center for
Neighborhood Technology (CNT)**

Anne Canby



**President, Surface Transportation
Policy Project (STPP)**

- Where are we headed if, as it appears, the federal government is backing out?
- System is already pregnant with ideas and projects in the pipeline
- Metropolitan areas need more attention and better tools

Steve Heminger



**Executive Director of the
Metropolitan Transportation
Commission in California's Bay
Area**

**> *Member of the National Surface
Transportation Policy and Revenue
Study Commission***

- Do we reauthorize or start over? Federal program is currently in a muddle.
- Can we select a number of key federal priorities and interests to be served?
- Potential for real change is threatening to most stakeholders.

Bill Millar



**President, American Public
Transportation Association (APTA)**

- Future demographic changes will seriously stretch our nation's resources.
- The strength of a nation is found in the quality of life for its people.
- We're facing a head on collision between a strong state role and a strong federal role.
- Systematic vs. modal approach to transportation investments

Today's Game Plan

- We want to hear from you ...
 - Discussion with panelists (50 minutes)
 - *Note your own thoughts on the paper provided throughout this session*
 - Open discussion with audience (15 minutes)
- Can we agree on priorities? (15 minutes)
- Looking forward ... RV 2007, TEA-4 in '09

In 2030 what are the key transportation-related challenges?



Selling the Farm or Grabbing Hold of Our Destiny?



Public Private Partnership or Devolution

What **IS** the federal interest in livable communities and transit?



Trading in our Tea for a Smoothie



- What might a wholly restructured federal transportation program look like?



Time to prioritize



- Key Challenges
- Key Opportunities
- Key messages

Big challenges require big thinking

- Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood ... Make big plans; aim high in hope and work, remembering that a noble, logical diagram once recorded will not die. – Daniel H. Burnham
- If anything is certain, it is change. The world we are planning for today will not exist in this form tomorrow – Philip Crosby
- Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans – John Lennon