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What is the Legacy of the Bill?

- SAFETEA-LU was about earmarks, e.g. Bridge to Nowhere
- TEA-21 was about spending down the Highway Trust Fund balances
- ISTEA was about rewriting the highway program following completion of the interstate highway system
- What will this bill be remembered for?

Climate Change and Energy

- How should these issues shape the structure and funding decisions made in the next surface transportation bill?
 - Should the bill establish performance standards to demonstrate achievement of goals in these areas?
 - Should the bill eliminate, modify or combine highway and transit programs to reflect these goals?

Performance-based Measures

- Been argued by the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission that these measures are necessary to secure public support for any funding increases – do you agree?
- What performance measures should be included in the bill?
- What impact should non-achievement of those measures have on receipt of future funding?

Project Streamlining

- The National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission proposed reducing the 108 highway and transit programs to 10 programs
- Do you support the combining or elimination of any of the highway or transit programs?
- If so, which ones?

Metropolitan Mobility Program

- Do you support the creation of such a program?
- Should this program include both highway and transit funding?
- Which entity should be responsible for the program, the MPO, cities, the transit agency or a newly established transportation authority?

Public-Private Partnerships (P3s)

- How big a role do you think P3s will play in this bill?
- What restrictions/limitations, if any, should be placed on P3s?

Highway/Transit Split

- Is 80-20 the correct split of funds between the highway and transit programs?
 - If not, what is the correct split?
 - If not, should Congress leave it to metropolitan areas to determine the appropriate split for their communities?

Revenue Sources

- What is the future of the gasoline tax?
- What other funding sources should be included in the next surface transportation bill?
- Should funding from climate change legislation be included among the funding options?