WHITHER THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION FINANCE?

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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
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.

Scott Bernstein

President, Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT)
Anne Canby

- 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

President, Surface Transportation Policy Project (STPP)
Steve Heminger

- 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.

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

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

- 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

President, American Public Transportation Association (APTA)
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