



# National Transportation Vision

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# The Vision – Past and Future



**1944-1956**



“Build a 40,000-mile Interstate Highway System”

“Connect the principal metropolitan areas, cities and industrial centers, serve national defense, and connect with Canada and Mexico.”

**2006**

Consensus: Need to develop a new National Vision and Strategy to meet America’s 21<sup>st</sup> Century needs.



# Visioning Conference



## AASHTO plans to convene a National Transportation “Visioning” Conference in Spring 2007

- Phase 1. Develop a strawman proposal
- Phase 2. Invite a representative cross-section of transportation interests
- Phase 3. Commission members to be invited



# Transportation “Vision”: Seven Subject Areas



## 1. The Big Picture

### Intermodal Freight System

Trucking

Railroads

Ports

Distribution Centers



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## 2. Highway System Preservation, Performance, Capacity

Interstate, NHS, and Other Arterials  
Long-Distance Travel  
Tourism and Recreation  
Rural Needs



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## 3. Smarter System Management

ITS Technologies  
Operations and  
Management  
Improve Highway and  
Transit Performance



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## 4. Transit and Intercity Passenger Rail and Bus

Significantly Expand Transit Service to

- Reduce Congestion

- Meet Mobility Needs

Sustain current Intercity  
Rail Service

Potential for New Rail Corridor  
Service

Sustain Intercity Bus Service



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## 5. Metropolitan Mobility and Congestion

80% of growth in Metropolitan Areas

Over 80% of GDP from  
Metropolitan Areas

Congestion Increasing

Improve capacity, performance,  
reliability

Manage demand





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## 6. Sustainable Transportation – Energy, Land Use, Environment

- Increase energy efficiency
- Address global climate change
- Better land use
- Improve environmental compatibility
- Enhance community quality of life



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## 7. Funding

Cost to meet highway, transit and rail needs

Revenue options near-term and long-term

Funding roles for

Federal Government  
State and Local  
governments  
Private Sector

