

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 21st 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 crosssection of transportation interests
- Phase 3. Commission members to be invited





1. The Big Picture
Intermodal Freight System

Trucking Ports

Railroads

Distribution Centers







2. Highway System
Preservation, Performance,
Capacity

Interstate, NHS, and Other Arterials

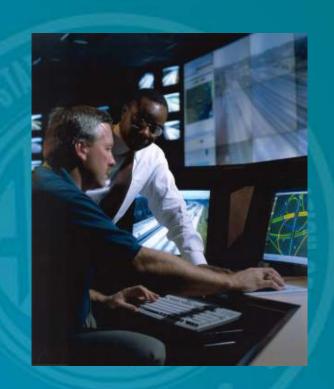
Long-Distance Travel
Tourism and Recreation
Rural Needs





3. Smarter System Management

Operations and Management
Improve Highway and Transit Performance







4. Transit and Intercity Passenger Rail and Bus

Significantly Expand Transit Service to

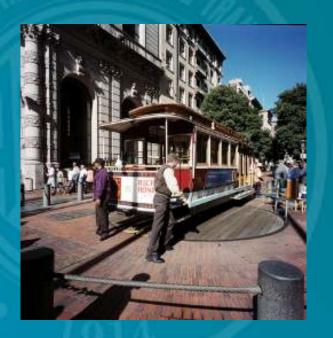
Reduce Congestion

Meet Mobility Needs

Sustain current Intercity Rail Service

Potential for New Rail Corridor Service

Sustain Intercity Bus Service





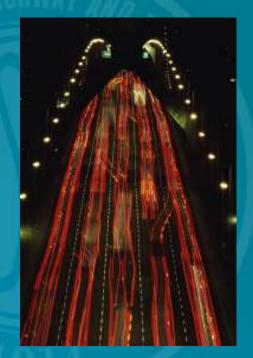


5. Metropolitan Mobility and Congestion

80% of growth in Metropolitan Areas
Over 80% of GDP from
Metropolitan Areas
Congestion Increasing

Improve capacity, performance, reliability

Manage demand







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







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

