

# Federal Legislative Policy Statement

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- ◆ *To prepare a regional policy statement supporting reauthorization of the federal surface transportation (highway and transit) funding programs*

# Brief History of Relevant Federal Law

- ◆ Interstate Highway Act *(1950s)*
- ◆ Urban Mass Transportation Act *(1960s)*
- ◆ National Environmental Policy Act *(1960s)*
- ◆ Clean Air Act *(1970s)*
- ◆ Americans with Disabilities Act *(1990s)*

# Contemporary Law

- ◆ Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act – ISTEA (1991)
- ◆ Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – TEA-21 (1998)
- ◆ Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act - a Legacy for Users – SAFETEA-LU (2005)
- ◆ Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – MAP-21 (2012)
- ◆ Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act – FAST Act (2015)

## New Law...

### Policy Recommendations:

- ◆ *Address solvency of the Highway Trust Fund*
- ◆ *Grow the federal Highway Funding Programs*
- ◆ *Grow the federal Transit Funding Programs*
- ◆ *Create a new “Bridge Investment Program”*

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### Policy Recommendations - *continued*:

- ◆ *Expand activities of the National Highway Freight Program*
- ◆ *Retain innovative financing programs*
- ◆ *Establish an “Infrastructure Resiliency Program”*
- ◆ *Streamline regulations for project delivery*

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### Project Recommendations:

- ◆ *Should congressionally directed project awards be authorized:*
  - ◆ *refer to adopted Regional Transportation Plans (Clark, Skamania, Klickitat); and, Clark County Transportation Alliance 2020 Policy Statement, for expression of regional project priorities*

Next Steps:

Consideration of a final statement on February 4