

League of American Bicyclists: Annual Meeting
**An Urban Agenda for the Next
Transportation Bill**

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Ronald Reagan Building: Hemisphere B

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Facts About Cities

- According to the 2002 Census, there are 19,429 municipal governments in the U.S.
- 19,188 are below 100,00 in population.
- However, close to 20% of the country's total population resides in cities with populations above 200,000.

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State and Local Ownership

- More than 75 percent of the four million mile highway and road network
- 90 percent of transit systems
- Close to 300,000 bridges.

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The Problem

- The infrastructure system is broken.
- The country's economic, environmental, and social well-being depends on partnerships between federal, state, and local governments

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**Priority: To create a flexible,
multi-modal transportation system.**

The National League of Cities believes that the safe and efficient movement of people and goods via an array of transportation modes must be the prime objective of transportation infrastructure policy at all levels of government.

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A New Transportation Bill Should:

- *Promote local control*
- *Ensure equity and connectivity among transportation options*
- *Create in intergovernmental partnership*
- *Preserve the fuel tax and work to identify alternate funding sources*

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In November 2008, NLC's membership pass a resolution calling on the need for an adequately funded, comprehensive, national surface transportation plan.

Highlights of that resolution include:

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- The importance of a strong federal role
- Include principles of sustainability, innovative technology, regional decision making, and performance measures.
- Invest in outcome-oriented solutions rather than mode-designated grants.
- Recognize the need for new methods of revenue generation.

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- Integrate the highway, rail, air, and port freight systems to enable the U.S. to remain a competitive economy
- Recognize the connection between transportation and land use planning, housing, energy, the economy and the environment.

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- Collaboratively establish national performance goals, intergovernmental roles and responsibilities, and accountability mechanisms to achieve the goals.
- Improve the quality of life for all citizens through a dramatic increase in safety, reduced congestion, energy independence, and affordable transportation.

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