



Support the Petri Amendment Transportation Improvement Program

To Preserve Dedicated Funding for Transportation Enhancements (TE) and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) activities in a consolidated Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment's original cosponsors include Representatives Petri, Blumenauer, T. Johnson, Lipinski, LaTourette, and E. B. Johnson.

The Petri Amendment does the following:

Consolidates Programs

- States have the flexibility to determine which activities to fund under the new consolidated program. States may obligate the funds for reduced TE and SRTS activities under sec. 1404 of SAFETEA-LU.
 - Reduces number of state coordinators.
 - Consolidates three existing clearinghouses into one.

Streamlines Delivery

- Expedites low-impact projects to accelerate planning and implementation.
- Construction projects get moving faster, jobs are created more quickly, and Main Street sees results sooner.

Reduces and Reforms

- Transportation Enhancements is redefined to eliminate:
 - Transportation museums
 - References to battlefields
 - References to tourist and welcome centers

Cuts Spending & Gives States Flexibility

- Each state shall reserve a portion of its funding for the Transportation Improvement Program. That portion shall be an equal percentage to the percentage apportioned to that state for TE and SRTS in 2009.
- This represents a cut from 2012 levels.
- States have the flexibility to choose the source of funding for this program. States are not required to allocate from the Surface Transportation Program.

Local Access to Funds

- State DOTs would set up a grant program to enable local governments to apply for projects.
- Funds revert to state DOTs if there are not enough applications.