



2008-09 Federal Advocacy Program

FY 2008-09 Appropriations

- Seek up to \$75 million for BRT Improvements within the Small Starts Program.
- Support funding for the Transbay Terminal.
- Support funding for operations and maintenance funding for the East Bay Smart Corridors Program.
- Support funding for the I-80 Corridor Mobility Project.
- Support funding for hydrogen/fuel cell and other alternative fuel programs.
- Support/seek additional funding to support Welfare to Work service and monitor the efficacy of the Job Access and Reverse Commute formula program.
- Support funding for transit security through the Homeland Security funding program.
- Support efforts to increase the gas tax or to increase other revenues to replenish the Highway Trust Fund/Mass Transit Account.
- Advocate for transit-supportive legislation that mitigates Global Warming and/or calls for comprehensive environmental stewardship and related funding.
- Advocate for supplemental funding through the Federal Transit Administration 5307 formula program and other programs to offset the rising cost of fuel.
- Support legislation that would require Health and Human Service (HHS) agencies to work with transportation funding agencies to coordinate transportation services and to provide funding to public transit operators for transportation services to HHS clients.

SAFETEA-LU Implementation and Reauthorization

- Participate in advocacy programs.
- Participate in forums engaged in the renewal of the transportation authorization legislation.
- Support transportation reauthorization reform that emphasizes greater funding levels to urban bus programs.
- Support legislation that reestablishes JARC as a discretionary program.
- Support consolidation of smaller formula programs and concentrate the funding in urban areas.
- Seek revisions to the grandfather clause that inhibits the direct representation of transit properties on local transportation policy boards.