



Regional Transportation Authority: To Be or Not to Be?

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GRIDLOCK: A Regional Problem

Traffic congestion impacts everyone

- ◆ Social costs
- ◆ Economic costs
- ◆ Environmental costs

Regional Problems: A Regional Solution?

Traffic congestion and the problems it creates requires a more coordinated regional approach to

- ◆ decision-making
 - ◆ budgeting
 - ◆ funding

Regional Solution: A Regional Transportation Authority?

- ◆ Lack of regional coordination and disconnect between planning and implementation functions
- ◆ Regional models in many areas of the country
- ◆ House Resolution proposes a regional authority through the Transportation Planning Board

Regional Transportation Authority: What are the Barriers?

- ◆ Jurisdictional self-interest and loss of local control
- ◆ Land use policies and their impact on other jurisdictions and the region
- ◆ Environmental concerns and the impact of highways versus transit
- ◆ Funding source issues

What are the Alternatives

- ◆ Create and expand sub-regional authorities
- ◆ Expand inter-jurisdictional agreements
 - Project based
 - Limited regional authority
- ◆ Federal funding commitment

What Role Can COG Play?

- ◆ Public Information and Marketing
- ◆ Facilitate and promote sub-regional agreements
- ◆ Develop collaborative relationships with business community and other stakeholders
- ◆ Explore alternative funding sources
- ◆ Enhance and promote small-scale, achievable projects

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