

R E S O L U T I O N

**Supporting full funding of the Safe Affordable Flexible Efficient
Transportation Equity Act – Legacy for Users Highway Trust Fund.**

WHEREAS, the federal Office of Management and Budget indicates that the Highway Trust Fund (HTF), a part of the Safe Affordable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act – Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), is experiencing a major revenue shortfall which could cause a 42% reduction in highway funding beginning in federal fiscal year 2009.

WHEREAS, the growth and viability of Northeast Ohio’s economy is dependent on a strong multi-modal well-constructed transportation system.

WHEREAS, Ohioans entrust its municipal, county, regional, state and national leaders, elected and appointed, to maintain its bridges and roadways in a beneficial and safe condition.

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA), the metropolitan planning organization encompassing the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina, projects that in 2009 and 2010 the Northeast Ohio region will have a \$52 million transportation funding deficit if there is a reduction in HTF funding.

WHEREAS, in Cuyahoga County there are fifty-nine (59) federal-aid projects, including the \$300 million reconstruction of the Innerbelt Bridge, programmed for 2009 and 2010, and a 42% reduction in HTF funding would create a funding deficit of \$222 million.

AND WHEREAS, the impact of a 42% decrease in HTF funding would have a devastating impact on the transportation system and the economy in Cuyahoga County and Northeast Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, requests that SAFETEA-LU be funded to authorized levels and that this action take place as soon as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Paul Alsenas, Director, County Planning Commission, with instructions to forward copies of this resolution and additional documentation to members of the United States Congress in order to demonstrate the need to solve this problem without delay and prevent the severe reduction of federal funds.

On Motion of Commissioner Hagan, seconded by Commissioner Dimora, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Hagan, Dimora, Jones.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

**Jeanne M. Schmotzer,
Clerk of the Board**

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