

TRANSPORTATION

Resolution Urging Federal Policy Makers to Include Support for Transit Options in Any Upcoming Infrastructure Package and/or List of Expanded Legislative Principles

Issue: Counties and local jurisdictions desire transit options to reduce traffic congestion, spur economic development and job growth and enhance regional connectivity and mobility.

Adopted Policy: The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges the U.S. Congress and U.S. Department of Transportation to provide funding and funding mechanisms in its upcoming infrastructure package, including incentives for private investment such as public-private partnerships, to state and local governments for purposes of expanding, installing and maintaining transit systems; including but not limited to Bus Rapid Transit (“BRT”), Heavy Rail and Light Rail systems.

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Resolution Urging Congress to Amend the Electronic Logging Device (ELD) and Hours of Service Final Rule to Provide an Agricultural Exemption

Issue: Federal regulation mandating the use of an electronic logging device for agricultural transportation drivers does not take into account delays drivers will encounter in the process of loading, unloading and transporting livestock, which could result in inhumane animal treatment, devalued livestock pricing and further economic hardship to rural counties across the United States.

Adopted Policy: The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges Congress to amend the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Electronic Logging Devices and Hours of Service final rule to completely exempt all agricultural trucking activity from this regulation.

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Resolution to Support Increased Consideration of Alternative Congestion Mitigation Measures

Issue: Federal funding for automated technologies has been focused mostly on the development of driverless cars and shuttles which can enhance mobility and improve first/last-mile accessibility, but have limited ability to reduce road congestion, and may increase vehicle miles traveled before mitigation measures can be implemented.

Adopted Policy: The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to make road congestion mitigation a top priority by exploring, implementing and funding automated shuttles and transit network systems for congestion mitigation that reduce the impact of driverless vehicles on road congestion and increase usage of Automated Transit Networks (ATN) to relieve travel demand on roads.

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