



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

April 11, 2006

The Honorable Don Young  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Sincerely yours,

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Norman Y. Mineta

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The Honorable James M. Jeffords  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Ranking Member  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Oberstar:

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The Honorable James M. Inhofe  
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Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Designated Projects by State -- Projects of National and Regional Significance

State	Total Projects	Total Funding* \$M	Project List	Annual Funding Levels, Unadjusted					Annual Obligation Limitation				
				05 (.10) \$M	06 (.20) \$M	07 (.25) \$M	08 (.25) \$M	09 (.20) \$M	05 (.855) \$M	06 (.871) \$M (est.)	07 (.850) \$M (est.)	08 (.850) \$M (est.)	09 (.850) \$M (est.)
CA	6	450	Bakersfield Beltway [140], Inland Empire Goods Movement (Norton AFB) [55], Alameda East [125], Transbay Terminal [27], Gerald Desmond Bridge/I-710 [100], Sacramento Intermodal [3]	45.0	90.0	112.5	112.5	90.0	38.475	78.390	95.625	95.625	76.500
CO	1	50	Union Station (Denver)	5.0	10.0	12.5	12.5	10.0	4.275	8.710	10.625	10.625	8.500
IL	3	390	O'Hare Bypass [140], CREATE [100], Miss River Bridge [150]	39.0	78.0	97.5	97.5	78.0	33.345	67.938	82.875	82.875	66.300
MI	1	20	Blue Water Bridge Border Plaza (Port Huron)	2.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	1.710	3.484	4.250	4.250	3.400
MN	1	50	Union Depot Multimodal Transit Facility	5.0	10.0	12.5	12.5	10.0	4.275	8.710	10.625	10.625	8.500
NJ	1	100	Liberty Corridor	10.0	20.0	25.0	25.0	20.0	8.550	17.420	21.250	21.250	17.000
NM	1	14	Relocate El Paso, TX Rail Yard to Santa Teresa	1.4	2.8	3.5	3.5	2.8	1.197	2.439	2.975	2.975	2.380
NY	1	100	Cross Harbor Freight Movement Project	10.0	20.0	25.0	25.0	20.0	8.550	17.420	21.250	21.250	17.000
OR	1	160	I-5 Bridge Repair	16.0	32.0	40.0	40.0	32.0	13.680	27.872	34.000	34.000	27.200
PA	3	50	US422 Widening and Interchange Improvements (Montgomery County) [20], Rte 28 Widening and Improvements (Allegheny County) [15], I-80 Improvements (Monroe County) [15]	5.0	10.0	12.5	12.5	10.0	4.275	8.710	10.625	10.625	8.500
SC	1	40	I-73 Construction (Myrtle Beach to NC State Line)	4.0	8.0	10.0	10.0	8.0	3.420	6.968	8.500	8.500	6.800
VA	1	15	Portsmouth Rail Relocation	1.5	3.0	3.8	3.8	3.0	1.283	2.613	3.188	3.188	2.550
WA	2	220	Alaska Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement [100], Replacement of Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall (Seattle) [120]	22.0	44.0	55.0	55.0	44.0	18.810	38.324	46.750	46.750	37.400
WI	1	30	Marquette Interchange Reconstruction (Milwaukee)	3.0	6.0	7.5	7.5	6.0	2.565	5.226	6.375	6.375	5.100
VA, WV, OH, [KY]	1	90	Heartland Corridor	9.0	18.0	22.5	22.5	18.0	7.695	15.678	19.125	19.125	15.300
Total	25	1,779		177.9	355.8	444.8	444.8	355.8	152.105	309.902	378.038	378.038	302.430

\* The funding levels in this column equal the totals authorized in SAFETEA-LU section 1301, however, the funding is subject to obligation limitation set in annual Appropriations Acts.