FAST Act Reauthorization:
Public Transportation Principles

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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PRINCIPLES

TIER 1 – AS ADOPTED BY THE AASHTO TRANSPORTATION POLICY FORUM

ISSUE 1: Retain, strengthen and expand the Federal program for public transportation. Retain the Mass Transit Account within the Highway Trust Fund.

ISSUE 2: Maintain and grow the Bus/Bus Facility formula and discretionary program.

ISSUE 3: Establish a new 4-year pilot program that combines requirement certification under the Buy America program with the Altoona Test requirements, creating one set of certifications with the Federal Transit Administration.
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TIER 2 – AS ADOPTED BY THE AASHTO TRANSPORTATION POLICY FORUM

ISSUE 4: Support the goals of Safety Management Systems (SMS), the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP), and State of Good Repair (SGR).

ISSUE 5: Maintain the current maximum federal funding match ratios for public transit programs to support rural and urban communities, individuals with disabilities and seniors and our nation’s transit infrastructure.
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TIER 2 (cont’d) – AS ADOPTED BY THE AASHTO TRANSPORTATION POLICY FORUM

ISSUE 6: Reauthorize the Transit Cooperative Research Program.

ISSUE 7: Congress should direct the Government Accountability Office to study streamlining the federal transit grant approval process.
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ADDITIONAL PRIORITY ISSUES - AS ADOPTED BY THE AASHTO COUNCIL ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

ISSUE 8: Enhance opportunities and streamline regulations for state DOTs and transit providers to partner with technology and other companies to improve the service delivery to communities.

ISSUE 9: Expanding research grants and funding to explore mobility opportunities through Connected and Autonomous Vehicle (CAV) technology.
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ISSUE 10: Encourage Ongoing Federal and State Coordination of the Coordinated Council for Access and Mobility

ISSUE 11: Support the Commuter Tax Benefit and Restore the Employer Deductible for Transportation Fringe Benefits to Employees

ISSUE 12: National Transit Database reporting

ISSUE 13: Cooperative Procurements