

"Funding the Transportation System of the Future: What's Possible in the Current Anti-Tax Climate?"

Friday, June 25, 2010

8:30 AM Continental breakfast

9-11 AM Panel discussion

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MODERATOR

Hon. Norman Y. Mineta, U.S. Secretary of Transportation (Ret.)

EXPERT PANEL

Dr. Asha Weinstein Agrawal, Director, MTI's National Transportation Finance Center

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THE ISSUE

Within the next two decades, the census bureau estimates that the U.S. population will increase by as many as 50 million people, including more than a 25% increase in California's population alone. This population growth, combined with a growing backlog of overdue maintenance work on roads and transit systems, creates a need for significantly expanded transportation revenues. However, the current political climate is generally unfavorable to tax increases. Given these political realities, what new or expanded revenue sources could be generated for transportation? In particular, what options will be politically feasible in the short and medium term? Our panel of transportation experts, representing viewpoints from the national and state level, will discuss possible revenue options and their likely reception from the public and legislators.



Reservations are requested.

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