

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS

for **JOBS NOW**



BARRIERS

- Limited pre-award authority to proceed “at risk” with construction project
- Lengthy and cumbersome amendment processes for Transportation Improvement Programs
- Redundant federal and state approval process
- Redundant steps in environmental approval process
- Deadlines are ignored or extended for key decisions
- Mitigation requirements are not integrated with National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) review

BREAKTHROUGH

- Extend pre-award authority for transit projects to Federal Aid Highway Program
- Administratively clarify that Transportation Improvement Program amendments can be expedited by local planning agencies
- Delegate NEPA compliance for all transportation projects to capacity-ready states
- Create a new partnering program for federal agencies and recipients that takes advantage of technology to remove redundancies
- Establish in federal law a “prompt-action” provision for those without a plan or not following any plan
- Expand use of integrated analysis and approvals to maximize public feedback while expediting required actions



BENEFITS

- **Accelerating transportation projects toward construction**
- **Creating jobs now**





### HOW MANY JOBS WILL BE CREATED BY AN EARLIER INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS?

Infrastructure projects are one of the best ways to create jobs and keep America moving. For every \$1 billion invested in transportation, 18,000 jobs are created. We can create more than 800,000 jobs with the \$48.2 billion invested annually in transportation programs under the Safe, Flexibility, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users or SAFETEA-LU.

### WHAT IS THE BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS INITIATIVE?

This initiative is intended to work with current initiatives to accelerate the creation of jobs by expediting the processes of planning, funding and constructing federally assisted projects.

### WHAT ARE THE BARRIERS?

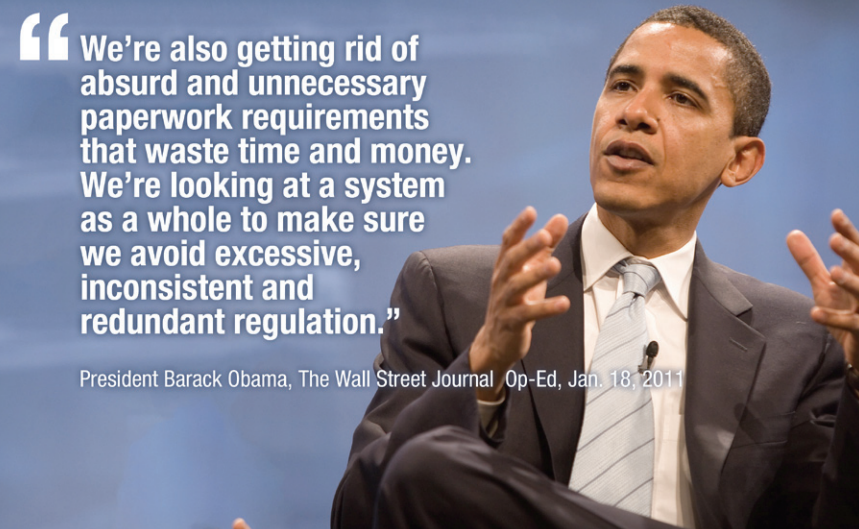
Lengthy documents and redundant reporting slows down transportation projects. Many agencies have difficulty using the money available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act because they did not complete the lengthy project development process.

### HOW DO WE BREAKTHROUGH?

- Focus the federal process on outcomes and modernize cumbersome processes to focus federal actions toward improving transportation systems.
- Team up with partners for performance by improving grant programs and clarify the respective roles of federal, state and local agencies for accountability and efficiency in achieving jointly developed milestones.
- Focus on internal recipients on efficiency and reward innovations that bring new efficiencies to industry practice.

### HOW DO WE WORK TOGETHER?

We all have a vested interest in creating more jobs to help lead America on the road to recovery. By accelerating infrastructure improvement projects by eliminating redundancies while at the same time adhering to the nation's environmental stewardship, we can work together to breaking down the barriers that prevent our nation from creating much-needed jobs now.



#### Tracking Transportation's RETURN ON INVESTMENT

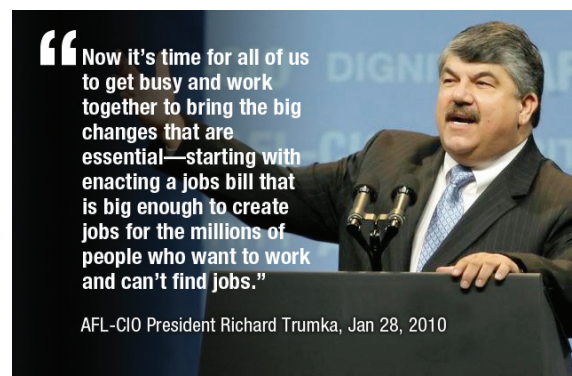
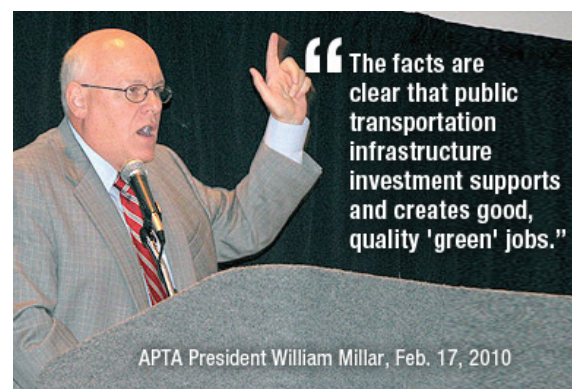
**\$1 billion INVESTMENT = 18,000 JOBS**



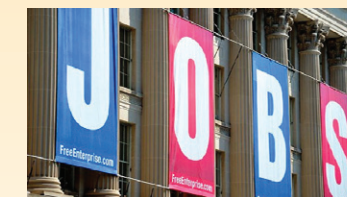
**\$48.2 billion INVESTED ANNUALLY IN TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS THROUGH SAFETEA-LU**



**868,000 JOBS**



# LET'S DO SOMETHING TOGETHER for **JOBS NOW**



## CITIZENS

- **WRITE** to your representative in Congress.
- **CALL** and write to your local congress person
- **SHARE** this brochure with your friends, coworkers and family members
- **GIVE** other ideas on how we can create more jobs now

## TRANSPORTATION PARTNERS

- **SEND** letters of support to the members of your Congressional delegation
- **CALL** or make an appointment with your Congressional leader
- **WRITE** an opinion piece or letter to the editor
- **PROVIDE** information about the Breaking Down Barriers initiative on your website, blog or newsletter
- **SHARE** your other ideas on how we can create more jobs now
- **CREATE** a resolution for your organization in support of the Breaking Down Barriers initiative

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

- **HOST** a jobs forum with the community
- **SUPPORT** the Breaking Down Barriers initiative
- **SHARE** the initiative with your constituents on your website, blog, newsletter and social media sites
- **PROVIDE** your other ideas on how we can create more jobs now
- **PASS** a resolution in support of the Breaking Down Barriers initiative

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