

Texas Good Roads/Transportation Association

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FAIR SHARE FOR FEDERAL HIGHWAYS

Whereas, federal legislation authorizing the highway program expires February 29, 2004;

Whereas, since the inception of the federal highway program in 1956 Texas has given more than \$5 billion to other states in the program, as one of the "donor" states which sends in more revenue than it receives in return from the federal highway administration;

Whereas, despite strong past efforts by former Senators Bentsen and Gramm to rectify this inequity, Texas most recently has received about 88 cents on the dollar in rate of return numbers;

Whereas, the effort to upgrade Texas' return this year is led by Majority leader Tom DeLay who has filed H.R. 2208, the Highway Funding Equity Act of 2003, ensuring a 95% return on trust fund contributions;

Whereas, if Texas would have enjoyed this 95% return since the enactment of this last highway bill (1998) our state would have received nearly \$1.2 billion more to invest in our highway program;

Whereas, our dependence on the federal-aid portion of our program has grown significantly because 2003 is the first time since 1991 that the state legislature has provided a meaningful increase in state highway funds;

Whereas, we are grateful to the members of the Texas delegation who have supported H.R. 2208 & hopeful that 100 percent of the delegation will be co-sponsors;

Therefore, be it resolved, that _____ in _____ on _____, 2004 hereby adopt this resolution and forward copies to the relevant parties.*

*Please return a copy of completed resolution to TGR @ address indicated above.