

A Resolution to memorialize Congress to enact legislation to support research, development, and construction of the Interstate Traveler Project through the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century (TEA-21); and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Interstate Traveler Project is an elevated maglev (magnetic levitation) rail mass transit system that is based upon a conduit cluster concept powered by hydrogen and solar power. The project promises to provide travelers with a clean, quiet, safe, reliable mode of transportation. The intent of the project is to create the world's first switchable maglev rail network that will provide interurban/intercity pedestrian, automobile, and light freight transit services. The project will simultaneously produce, store, and distribute hydrogen, which will not only serve as an alternative energy resource, but also will give Oklahoma's automakers the incentive to produce hydrogen internal combustion engines, fuel cell cars, and the manufacturing opportunity to build maglev rail cars; and

WHEREAS, by fully integrating with the interstate highway system, existing transportation infrastructure, and mass transit systems, the Interstate Traveler Project seeks to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution while improving traffic safety and efficiency. The Interstate Traveler Project substations will utilize the existing interstate highway system's entrances and exits, providing a seamless link of private automobiles, pedestrian traffic, existing municipal bus routes, and taxi services. These substations will also support the hydrogen distribution system, as well as fiber optics, water, electricity, and other utilities. Although the Interstate Traveler Project is ideally suited for the interstate highway system, it may also be integrated with existing abandoned railroad right-of-ways or along other appropriate lands; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate Traveler Project is consistent with the 2003 State of the Union Address which called on Congress to appropriate \$1.2 Billion for hydrogen fuel cell technology.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives memorializes Congress to enact legislation to support research, development, and construction of the Interstate Traveler Project through the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century (TEA-21) and/or other related federal programs.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 8th day of March, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives