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WHEREAS, it has been learned that the current administration in Washington, D.C., in respect to the Highway Bill and Mass Transit Bill before Congress, will not advocate increases in the federal gas tax to bolster the Highway Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, said Highway Trust Fund is running short of funds because it is based on four cents (\$.04) per gallon rather than on a percentage of gasoline cost; and

WHEREAS, with less gasoline being sold, the dollar return to the Federal government is decreasing; and

WHEREAS, the administration's desire is to leave to the States the prerogative of increasing taxes on gasoline; and

WHEREAS, in respect to the Highway Bill, the administration calls for the completion of the interstate freeway system, completing the highway primary program, but leaving to the States the responsibility for completing the secondary and urban roadway; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate that responsibility, the administration urges that all funds go to the States in block amounts and that priorities within the States be left to the States; and

WHEREAS, in further respect to the Highway Bill, the highway safety program will not be funded and the present 37 programs in effect will be condensed into very few; and

WHEREAS, in respect to the Mass Transit Bill, the administration calls for no new starts for subway projects, no new "people mover" projects, and any proposed related urban initiative programs such as transportation malls, etc., will be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, the administration is further recommending that all federal support for operation of transit systems be phased out by the end of the 1984 since operation costs are considered to be local problems and that funds should be raised locally; and

WHEREAS, the significant reduction proposed by the administration for fiscal year 1983 and elimination of the Federal Aid Urban (FAU) program in subsequent years would mean that alternative fund sources would have to be identified for some of the unconstructed projects if they are to all go forward; and

WHEREAS, the administration's proposals do not recognize that local governments need adequate financial resources to provide essential transit sources and that without financial operating assistance for the San Diego transit system, it will not be possible to provide essential transit service; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, California, that this Council, for and on behalf of said City, does hereby express its opposition to the administration's intention to phase out federal funding for Urban Highways (S. 841 and HR 3197) and Transit Operating Subsidies (S. 1160 and HR 3702).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this City Council expresses its support for the American Public Transit Association's recommendation that a formula be established calling for 80 percent of the block grant funds be available for capital purposes, matching every local dollar with four (4) federal dollars, and 20 percent be available for operating purposes, requiring no local match.

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