

II. LEGISLATION

Legislation will be the first topic discussed due to its broad-reaching importance and impact on the transportation industry.

Four of the federal legislative acts that affect the transportation industry were passed in the 1990's. Certain state legislation also affects the industry. The federal legislative acts discussed below are available through the Government Printing Office in Washington, D.C. To obtain a copy of any of the Acts, contact the Government Printing Office at (202) 783-3238.

Federal Legislation:

A. INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT OF 1991 (ISTEA)

This \$151 billion piece of legislation will fuel much of the transportation development in the U.S. over a six-year period until 1997. Major construction projects on highways, bridges and transit operations are already underway.

The purpose of the Act is stated in its policy below:

"to develop a National Intermodal Transportation System that is economically efficient, environmentally sound, provides the foundation for the Nation to compete in the global economy and will move people and goods in an energy-efficient manner."

The bill is comprised of eight titles which reflect its coverage and are listed below:

Title I	Surface Transportation (related to highways)
Title II	Highway Safety
Title III	Federal Transit Act Amendments of 1991
Title IV	Motor Carrier Act of 1991
Title V	Intermodal Transportation
Title VI	Research
Title VII	Air Transportation
Title VIII	Extension of Highway-Related Taxes and Highway Trust Fund

This landmark legislation set a new standard requiring states to make the various modes of transportation work together to ensure maximum efficiency in transportation services. With this requirement, states must coordinate with metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) and also develop multimodal statewide long range plans and Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP). Important issues in each state TIP include Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Programs.