Legislation

1916 Federal road, "get the farmer out of the mud" State constitutions "dedicating" 1930s gas taxes 1956 Federal Interstate Highway system 1960s Urban mass transit within HUD planning USDOT: Section 4f 1966 1969 NEPA 1970, 77, 90 Clean Air Act 1973 Interstate transfer, "flexibility" transit subsidy 1975 M.P.O. CA/T; demonstration projects 1987 ADA, Clean Air 1990 **ISTEA** 1991 1997 T-21 2003

Congressional Dynamics

- All politics is local
- Coalition of similar interests, distributed
- Legislative "riders"
 - -- planning
 - -- transit
 - -- ITS
- Outside the committee
 - -- environment (NEPA, Clean Air Act)
 - -- rail
 - -- aviation
 - -- accessibility
- Industrial policy
- Legislation is <u>both</u> a reaction to forces in the society and a cause of new directions

Future Possibilities

- Elderly and handicapped
- Operation and maintenance
- Lower Federal rates
- Capital budget
- Airport access
- Infrastructure reconstruction
- Transit investment