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Eisenhower Protocol

The Transportation system in the United States is at a true tipping point. We are currently positioned to either adequately project our future mobility needs and cause those needs to be properly funded or to regulate ourselves to a system that is over-congested and over-burdened by a rapidly rising population. Just over fifty years ago, President Eisenhower changed the course of American transportation history when he signed the National Interstate and Defense Highways Act into law.

The Interstate Highway System linked 20th Century Americans in a revolutionary way, making the country safer and more cohesive and accessible and stimulating significant economic and social opportunities. Through the Interstate Highway System, we are equipped with a comprehensive understanding of what is possible through sufficient investment in transportation. It becomes our responsibility to use President Eisenhower's vision as a model for creating a national transportation policy for the next fifty years.

This proposed national transportation policy will integrate the projected mobility needs of this country's growing population, while treating all modes as equally deserving of attention and resources. We need to anticipate and identify our future mobility needs and aggressively pursue effective and responsible multimodal transportation investment. This model must account for the safety, efficiency and economic welfare of all Americans for the next half century, while mitigating congestion and promoting clean air.

We, The River of Trade Corridor Coalition (ROTCC), hereby confirm our dedication to projecting the future mobility needs of the country and to fiercely pursuing and implementing innovative financing solutions that will support an economically vibrant country during the 21st Century. We will follow the visionary example of the leaders who have come before us by pursuing a multimodal transportation network that will reinvigorate the country as an economic world leader.

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