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COALITION OF PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATIONS JOIN TOGETHER IN WASHINGTON TO PROMOTE TRANSPORTATION BILL

*Coalition Supports Pro-Private Sector
Provisions in
Reauthorization of TEA-21*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National School Transportation Association joined other members of the Coalition of Private Transportation Associations in a Washington “fly-in” for two days of meetings with Members of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The group is promoting the pro-private sector provisions in the Transit Title of the reauthorization of TEA-21.

NSTA is a founding member of the Coalition, which formed specifically to promote the inclusion of all interested transportation parties in the federal planning process; to improve administration and enforcement of the current charter rules while protecting against unfair competition; to seek clear guidance on effectively providing private operator participation in the federal transit program; to seek inclusion of private sector operators as grant recipients; and to enhance intermodal terminal projects to increase efficiency and transportation options and reduce costs.

“Everyone, including the private sector, has the right to be fairly represented. These provisions seek to level the playing field,” stated Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Housing and Transportation Subcommittee Chairman Wayne Allard (R-CO). “These private sector protections translate into better transportation service for all Americans,” added House Transportation and Infrastructure Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee Chairman Congressman John J. Duncan, Jr. (R-TN).

"NSTA is committed to ensuring that current protections against unfair competition by transit agencies remain in place. We are also working to create opportunities for school bus contractors to help meet local transportation needs," noted National School Transportation Association President Dale Krapf.

Congressmen Allard and Duncan joined Krapf and other Coalition members at a press conference on Tuesday as part of the event.

Members of the Coalition include: Airport Ground Transportation Association; American Bus Association; American Transit Services Council; National School Transportation Association; Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association; Trailways Transportation System, United Motorcoach Association; Alabama Motorcoach Association; California Bus Association; Ohio Taxicab Association; Pennsylvania Taxicab and Paratransit Association; Taxicab Paratransit Association of California; and the Virginia Taxicab Association.