

Dear FHWA:

I wish to express my support for the continuation and expansion of the enhancement and CMAQ programs. There are virtually no programs which provide pedestrian-oriented funding and therefore, little or no regard is given to pedestrian infrastructure by the transportation community. As a transportation planner with 13 years experience and a Masters Degree in Transportation Engineering from Georgia Tech, I believe designating funds specifically toward pedestrian-related projects, as the Enhancement and CMAQ programs do, provides the overall greatest return per dollar spent. I also wish to voice my support for increased funding for passenger rail of all types. Again, this form of transportation will ultimately provide the greatest return per dollar spent for transporting our citizens. In conclusion, I wish to thank those responsible for having the vision to adopt the enhancement and CMAQ programs, and my encouragement to provide the same vision when considering expanded funding for passenger rail. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.