



Transportation "Saves" Jobs – FUND IT!

At all levels of government, much is frequently made -- *especially at election time* -- of the "jobs creation" potential of this government expenditure or that. Well, here's a basic FACT that ought to get everyone's attention when we're talking about JOBS:

47,500 new jobs are created by every \$1 billion spent on transportation.

And don't forget, these are domestic American transportation jobs that, by definition, CAN'T be outsourced overseas!

In a May 2003 issue of U.S. News & World Report magazine, Lou Dobbs - the host of "Moneyline" on CNN - really hit the nail on the head when he wrote the following:

***"If we're trying to create jobs, let's create jobs.
Our roads, highways, and bridges are in sore need of repair.
Investing in our infrastructure would definitely create jobs and
would immediately stimulate the economy,
and the investment would be lasting."***

Lou Dobbs got it right when he referred to transportation infrastructure spending as "investments," because that's what they truly are! In their private lives, not one elected official would fail to "invest" their own money in a SURE THING -- an investment that returns \$5.50 for every dollar spent.

That's why we at FBT will continue to focus on the positive role transportation plays in saving lives, time, money, and jobs through the new "**Transportation Saves...**" campaign. And why we need to FUND IT in the 2005 Legislative Session!

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