House Briefing  
The Future of Sustainable Transportation  

Monday, January 12, 2014  
12:00 – 1:30pm  
Rayburn House Office Building – Room B-354  

The briefing will feature presentations from guest researchers and policy experts from the National Center for Sustainable Transportation who will share key challenges and trends shaping transportation in the future and pathways forward for better aligning economic, environmental, and societal goals in the transportation sector. Lunch will be provided.

AGENDA:

12:00 p.m.  Welcome and Introductions  
Anthony Eggert - Executive Director, Policy Institute for Energy, Environment, and the Economy, UC Davis

12:10 p.m.  Transportation at a Crossroads  
Great environmental progress is being made with transportation; what are challenges and opportunities for continued improvement?  
Dan Sperling – 2015 Chair of Transportation Research Board (TRB) Executive Committee; Professor and Director, Institute for Transportation Studies (ITS), UC Davis  
Susan Handy – Professor and Director of the National Center for Sustainable Transportation, UC Davis

12:18 p.m.  Have We Reached Peak Travel and What does it Mean?  
Vehicle use seems to be peaking. Is this true? If so, then why and what does it mean for the environment, cities, and future financing strategies?  
Pat Mokhtarian – Professor and Group Coordinator, Transportation System Engineering, Georgia Tech

12:26 p.m.  Transitioning to Zero-Emission Vehicles: The Good, the Bad, and the Unexpected  
Electric and fuel cell vehicles are key to achieving long-range sustainability goals, but what is the path forward and what does it mean for consumers, automakers, and policy?  
Tom Turrentine - Director, Plug-in Hybrid & Electric Vehicle Research Center, UC Davis

12:34 p.m.  Adaptation and Resiliency for State, Regional, and Local Transportation Agencies  
What are the challenges and opportunities facing state and local transportation agencies in adapting to mounting climate threats to critical infrastructure?  
Lisa Aultman-Hall - Professor, School of Engineering and Transportation Research Center, University of Vermont

12:42 p.m.  Transportation Financing in Crisis?  
Given peak travel, increased vehicle efficiency, increasing use of alternative fuels, and climate adaptation challenges, what are the most promising transportation financing options?  
Deb Niemeier - Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, UC Davis

12:50 p.m.  Q&A

1:30 p.m.  Adjourn