



THE PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE OF CALIFORNIA AND
THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR FEDERAL POLICY RESEARCH
invite you to attend a

*Luncheon Briefing – Federal
Formula Grants and California:
Federal Transit Assistance Programs*

**Friday, October 1, 2004
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
B-354 Rayburn House Office Building**

You are invited to attend a luncheon briefing regarding federal transit assistance programs and California's share of transit formula grants, which will be held on Friday, October 1, 2004, from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m., in Room B-354 of the Rayburn House Office Building. The briefing will present the findings of a newly-released report entitled *Federal Formula Grants and California: Federal Transit Assistance Programs*, the eighth in an ongoing series from PPIC and the California Institute that reviews California's share of federal formula programs.

Due to its heavily urbanized population, California received a large (15%) share of federal transit formula grant spending over the past seven years. In 2003, the state's transit agencies, local governments, and Caltrans used \$762 million in federal transit formula grants to support bus, subway, commuter rail, ferry, and other forms of public transportation. California's large share of transit grants partially compensates for the state's relatively meager portion of federal highway receipts under TEA-21 – the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century – that Congress is still working to renew. Some proposed formula changes in pending House and Senate bills would reduce California's share of transit funding by expanding grants to rural states at the expense of urban ones. *Federal Formula Grants and California: Federal Transit Assistance Programs* outlines the structure of transit formula programs, examines the mechanics of formulas used to determine funding levels for California and other states, and discusses legislative proposals in Congress that seek to change these formulas.

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