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Points to consider on transportation:

- Apply a benefit cost analysis to all proposed projects i.e.: High Speed Rail and Interstate 11.
- Prioritize projects based on benefit cost ratios. Are there other projects with higher benefit cost ratios?
- Examine other jurisdictions that have completed high-speed rail projects and determine whether they were successful or not. Use real benchmarks such as cost per passenger mile and ridership.
- When looking at alternative to the fuel tax such as the Vehicle Miles Traveled Tax or the Weight Distance Tax consider the following items:

Deployment costs;

Technology life cycles;

Evasion Rates;

Audit and compliance costs; and

The efficiency of tax collection. How does it compare to the fuel tax?

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