

**Western Association of State Highway
and Transportation Officials**

Resolution 6-04

**Urging Full Funding of Essential Air Service (EAS) Program
as Authorized by Congress**

Whereas, the Essential Air Service (EAS) program is critical to the continuation of air service in the rural states, and

Whereas, the EAS program costs have decreased significantly since the early 1980's when the program was first established, and

Whereas, the program benefits all air service users, not just those living in the cities that receive subsidized service, and

Whereas, since 1992, funding for the EAS program has come from the aviation trust fund which is derived from taxes on the users of the aviation system, and

Whereas, air service is essential to the economic well-being of many small cities in rural America and to the country as a whole.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Western Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (WASHTO) encourages the United States Congress to continue to support the Essential Air Service program.

Be it further resolved, that WASHTO Member Departments encourage their Governor and Congressional delegation to support continue funding of the EAS program to support air service in rural states.

Approved March 30, 2004
WASHTO Board of Directors

Attest

Secretary-Treasurer