



The Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI)

RURAL POLICY BRIEFING

to Discuss the Release of a New RUPRI Study:

*“Rethinking Federal Investments in Rural Transportation:
Rural Considerations Regarding Re-authorization of the Surface Transportation Act”*

Date: Thursday, April 7, 2011

Time: 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Room: U.S. Capitol, S-115

On April 7, 2011 the Rural Policy Research Institute will release a new RUPRI Policy Brief: *Rethinking Federal Investments in Rural Transportation: Rural Considerations Regarding Re-authorization of the Surface Transportation Act*. This study, supported by a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation, assesses the specific relationships between rural transportation investments, economic development, and quality of life. These results inform a framework for assessing the rural policy implications of the diverse components of this re-authorization effort. These are considered in light of a new paradigm for public and private investment in rural America: “Regional Rural Innovation.” This briefing will present the study findings and policy recommendations regarding the Surface Transportation Act Re-authorization.

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