



Caltrans Division of Research,  
Innovation and System Information

## *The Mineta National Transit Research Consortium*

### *Fact Sheet*

The Mineta National Transit Research Consortium (MNTRC) is a consortium of nine universities led by the Mineta Transportation Institute at the San Jose State University. Consortium members include Bowling Green State University, Grand Valley State University, Howard University, Penn State University, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, University of Detroit Mercy, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and the University of Toledo.

The MNTRC was awarded a \$2 million Tier I grant from the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT), authorized under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users. These funds are used for transportation research, workforce development, technology transfer, and education.

The MNTRC conducts research to meet the US DOT strategic goals of Safety, State of Good Repair, Economic Competitiveness, Livable Communities and Environmental Sustainability.

Caltrans Funding: Caltrans is providing \$2 million in match funding as follows:

Fiscal Year 2013/14: \$766,700

Fiscal Year 2014/15: \$566,700

Fiscal Year 2015/16: \$666,600

Contract Term: June 30, 2014 – January 31, 2017

Year 1 Focus: The MNTRC consortium focuses on alternative fuels, safety and security, public policy, finance, workforce development, livable communities, environmental sustainability, economic competitiveness, new modes and other critical factors essential to sustainable mobility.

Year 1 Projects:

- Integrating Highway and Transit Knowledge into Benefit-Cost Analysis
- A Tool to Evaluate and Optimize Multi-Modal Transit Access
- Comparing Modes of On-Board Transit Passenger Surveys: Assessing Trade-Offs between Quality and Cost
- Performance Measurement and Transit Data
- Promoting Intermodal Connectivity at California's High Speed Rail Stations
- What do American's think about Federal Tax Options to Support Public Transit, Highways, and Local Streets and Roads? Results from Year Six of a National Survey
- Park and Ride Linkage to Public Transit Service Productivity and
- Conduct Caltrans' Special Projects

Year 2:

- There will not be another Call For Proposal in Year 2.