

APWA Public Policy Advocacy Priorities for 2010

APWA advocates policies that sustain infrastructure and performance on behalf of all levels of government. APWA's public policy objectives are guided by these principles:

- 1) Support for adequate investment in public infrastructure.
- 2) Respect for local authority.
- 3) Reasonable regulations and protection from unfunded mandates.
- 4) Support for streamlining government oversight.
- 5) Support for sustainability and environmental stewardship.

Surface Transportation Authorization

Objective: Increase federal investment in transportation infrastructure; enact a multi-year, multimodal surface transportation authorization that maintains a strong federal role and provides dedicated and reliable revenue for building, maintaining and operating state and local systems.

Global Climate Change

Objective: Recognize and plan for the potential impact of global climate change on quality of life and associated infrastructure.

Environmental Protection and Public Health

Objective: Support legislative and regulatory issues that encourage sustainable environmental protection and public health.

Wastewater and Drinking Water Infrastructure Funding

Objective: Increase the federal investment in clean water and drinking water infrastructure.

Comprehensive Stormwater Management and Funding

Objectives: Support solutions that promote a comprehensive approach to stormwater management that recognizes the quality of life benefits associated with such actions. Support funding for the research pilot projects that support the development of best management practices.

Homeland Security Priorities

- 1. Disaster Assistance:** Achieve increased funding for local agencies, encourage initiatives at the federal level that support an all hazards approach to disaster management, more rapid disbursement and more flexibility of funding and quicker response in pre- and post-disaster events.
- 2. Security of Public Works Facilities and Systems:** Support implementation of security measures necessary to protect the public with required funding.
- 3. Emergency Management:** As first responders, assure that public works is fully integrated in a comprehensive, interdisciplinary emergency preparedness/response/recovery and secure the necessary funding and resources to meet that need; that intergovernmental processes are efficient and streamlined, and that funding is disbursed to maximize the effectiveness of mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery support.

Local Control of Public Rights-of-Way

Objective: Protect local control over public rights-of-way.

Water Resources Development Act

Objective: Support full funding and programming of the Water Resources Development Act.

Air Quality Standards

Objective: Support solutions that protect air quality and promote efficient and cost-effective delivery of public works services.

Working in the public interest, APWA's 29,000 members plan, design, build, operate and maintain transportation, water supply, sewage and refuse disposal systems, public buildings and other structures and facilities essential to our nation's economy and way of life.