

**Coalition for Recreational Trails  
Position on Reauthorization of the Recreational Trails Program**

- The RTP should be returned to its original status as a stand-alone program and should be totally separate from the other programs that were consolidated into Transportation Alternatives under MAP-21.
- The provision of MAP-21 allowing a state to opt out of the RTP in any fiscal year with notice from the governor to the Secretary of Transportation should be eliminated.
- RTP funding should be maintained at the MAP-21 level, that is, the amount equal to the funds apportioned to the states for RTP in fiscal year 2009. However, if the overall funding for surface transportation is increased in the next reauthorization bill or MAP-21 extension, the funding for RTP should be increased by a proportionate amount.
- Prior to apportionment of RTP funds to the states, an amount representing 1% of RTP funds, but not to exceed \$1 million, should be retained each year by the Secretary of Transportation to support administration of the RTP.
- Funding in the amount of \$2.5 million should be made available for a U.S. Department of Transportation study of nonhighway recreational fuel use. This funding should be in addition to the funding provided for the RTP.
- Report language for the bill should include the statement that, once the amount of fuel used for nonhighway recreation is determined by the new study, Congress can make adjustments to make the apportionment to the RTP program appropriate to the receipts attributable to nonhighway recreational activities.
- Report language for the bill should include a statement that, because it is the sense of the Congress that the RTP is a volunteer-driven program, which allows significant leveraging of resources and supports essential trail-related work on public lands, projects funded under the RTP shall not be treated as projects on a Federal-aid highway.

**Requested Technical Correction**

- The provisions of MAP-21 (Section 1524) encouraging and regulating use of youth service and conservation corps should be codified by inclusion in Title 23 of the U.S. Code.