

**Project Title**

Reconnecting America: Redesigning Transportation Policy to Enable Intermodal Intercity Travel

**Principal Investigator**

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Director



**Budget**

NCIT Funds	\$12,000
Matching Funds	\$12,000
Total Funds	\$24,000

**Student Involvement**

CUNY-AI will recruit an undergraduate research assistant to work an average of ten hours per week on this project. This City University of New York student will gain research skills by assisting in data collection and analysis and possibility co-author a scholarly publication arising from this work.

**Relationship to Other Research Projects**

This proposal will leverage the significant resources and expertise already committed to RA's intermodal travel analysis.

**Technology Transfer Activities**

Policy research gets transferred into practice through its "uptake" by media, government, industry, labor, and others. With legislative reauthorization of Amtrak, aviation, road, and transit programs all slated for 2003, there is considerable opportunity to inform policy deliberations.

Research results will be published in scholarly journals. Op-ed pieces, media and governmental briefings, and an interactive website will communicate directly with opinion leaders, decision makers, and the public.

**Potential Benefits of the Project**

Given the deepening economic crises confronting both Amtrak and America's airlines, considerable interest can be expected in the identification of intercity transportation productivity gains. A more integrated intermodal network for intercity travel offers considerable potential for enhancing economic, environmental, and security benefits. Placing timely, objective, and well-documented policy options before government, industry, and labor at a time when America's transportation legislation is being reauthorized will demonstrate NCIT's value as a generator of new knowledge.

**TRB Keywords**

Intercity Transportation, Intermodal Transportation, Passenger Transportation, Transportation Policy, Airlines, Rail