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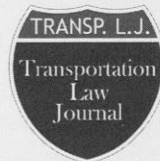
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Dear Reader:

Volume 37 number 2 features two articles and a student note spanning transit history, gambling on airplanes, and bicycle safety. This last article is notable in the long history of the Transportation Law Journal because it's the first ever article featuring bicycling issues.

On March 15, Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary Ray LaHood announced on his blog, *The Fastlane*, that the U.S. DOT will encourage investments in infrastructure for bicyclists and pedestrians. Secretary LaHood recommended that state DOTs "treat walking and bicycling as equals with other transportation modes." As Secretary LaHood tries to increase cycling's status, it is important to recognize the nation's historical relationship with cycling as a form of transportation. Mr. Bruce Epperson's article, *The Great Schism*, provides a historical and legal perspective of bicycle safety in the United States.

Our second article in this issue is an analysis of surface transportation legislation impacting mass transit. Ms. Reasa Currier examines legislation that funds the nation's busses, subways, and streetcars. According to a recent opinion poll by the advocacy group Transportation for America, 58 percent of surveyed voters believe more federal money should be dedicated to public transportation. This may serve as a sign to the direction of Congressional legislation related to mass transit in 2010. Ms. Currier provides the historical analysis towards future legislation in this area.

Finally, Mr. Matt Sinowetski explores the U.S. legal history prohibiting gambling on airplanes. He theorizes that foreign airline carriers allowing gambling may have a competitive advantage over U.S. airlines and examines the parallels with gambling on cruise ships. Mr. Sinowetski purports a study evaluating gambling technologies and the potential for tax revenue may be worthwhile.

This is the final issue for the 2009-2010 editorial staff. It has been a pleasure working with the hardworking staff. I would like to congratulate my fellow editors graduating this year, and I offer the new Editor in Chief, Nicoal Miller and her staff the best of luck.

Please enjoy the issue.

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