

September 9, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Democratic Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Republican Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, Democratic Leader Schumer, and Republican Leader McCarthy:

The current surface transportation law—the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act—expires in 21 days. Therefore, the undersigned 88 organizations urge you to pass legislation to the President before September 30 that includes:

1. A turn-key, one-year extension of the current surface transportation law with increased investment levels;
2. Emergency federal funding for state departments of transportation and public transit agencies—\$37 billion and \$32 billion, respectively; and
3. Provisions to ensure solvency of the Highway Trust Fund for the duration of the extension at a minimum.

Public agencies continue to face COVID-19 pandemic-induced revenue declines. As a result, state and local entities already delayed or cancelled \$8 billion in surface transportation projects, with more on the horizon absent any clear sign of support from the federal government. Failure to approve a one-year extension with increased funding for the purpose of stability would only exacerbate this dire situation.

Passing legislation that includes the aforementioned priorities would enable critical improvements that increase the safety and efficiency of the surface transportation system. This timely action by Congress would tangibly enhance the quality of life for all Americans and jumpstart America’s economic recovery.

Thank you for your leadership in addressing these critical issues. We look forward to working with you to approve such legislation before September 30.

Sincerely,

American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials  
American Road & Transportation Builders Association  
Associated General Contractors of America  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
National Retail Federation

American Public Transportation Association  
International Union of Operating Engineers  
Laborers' International Union of North America  
Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO  
National Association of Manufacturers  
American Highway Users Alliance  
Retail Industry Leaders Association  
North America's Building Trades Unions  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
Associated Builders and Contractors  
National Association of Counties  
American Council of Engineering Companies  
American Concrete Pavement Association  
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association  
American Concrete Pipe Association  
American Traffic Safety Services Association  
National Asphalt Pavement Association  
Portland Cement Association  
The Surety & Fidelity Association of America  
Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association (SMACNA)  
American Subcontractors Association  
Building America's Future  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
American Iron and Steel Institute  
American Institute of Steel Construction  
National Steel Bridge Alliance  
Auto Care Association  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
National Association of Surety Bond Producers  
American Public Works Association  
Geospatial Equipment & Technology Institute (GETI)  
National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS)  
Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) Association  
U.S. Geospatial Executives Organization (U.S. GEO)  
Intelligent Transportation Society of America  
Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association  
National Safety Council  
League of American Bicyclists  
Safe Routes Partnership  
The Design-Build Institute of America  
Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance  
United Brotherhood of Carpenters  
Governors Highway Safety Association

Association for the Improvement of American Infrastructure  
Community Transportation Association of America  
International Association of Iron Workers  
Transport Workers Union of America  
International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association  
Institute of Transportation Engineers  
Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute (ICPI)  
Railway Supply Institute  
National Utility Contractors Association  
FP<sup>2</sup> (formerly Foundation for Pavement Preservation)  
National Tour Association  
United States Tour Operators Association  
American Association of Port Authorities  
Institute of Makers of Explosives  
National Electrical Contractors Association  
Industrial Minerals Association – North America  
Construction & Demolition Recycling Association  
National Association of County Engineers  
The Association of Union Constructors (TAUC)  
American Concrete Pumping Association  
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute  
Steel Manufacturers Association  
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute  
Foodservice Equipment Distributors Association  
National Parking Association  
National Waste and Recycling Association  
North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM)  
Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association  
National Mining Association  
Lubricant Manufacturers Association  
Associated Wire Rope Fabricators  
National Association of Trailer Manufacturers  
Metals Service Center Institute  
Corn Refiners Association  
Amalgamated Transit Union  
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers  
American Foundry Society  
Women Construction Owners and Executives  
NORA, An Association of Responsible Recyclers

cc: All Members of Congress