

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
FP² (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