

November 8, 2011



Hon. Barbara Boxer, Chairman
Committee on Environment & Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Hon. James Inhofe, Ranking Member
Committee on Environment & Public Works
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Hon. Max Baucus, Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation &
Infrastructure
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Hon. David Vitter, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation &
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Dear Chairman Boxer, Ranking Member Inhofe, Chairman Baucus, and Ranking Member Vitter:

Congratulations on the introduction of the bipartisan highway authorization bill, MAP-21! The American Highway Users Alliance greatly appreciates your efforts, the hard work of your staff, and the cooperative approach you have taken to move this bill forward.

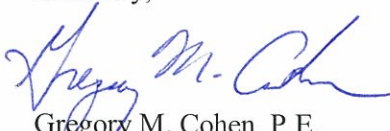
We are urging your colleagues to unanimously support your bill and move through tomorrow's mark-up expeditiously. Among the many sections we support, we would like to highlight the following important provisions, which deserve high praise:

- ◆ Creation of the new core freight program
- ◆ Priority given to the National Hwy. System and National Highway Performance Program
- ◆ Improvements to the core Highway Safety Improvement program
- ◆ Reforms to the Enhancements program and flexibility in the CMAQ program
- ◆ No changes or expansion to the current Interstate toll pilot programs
- ◆ Streamlining reforms that move projects through the federal government more quickly
- ◆ A strong, competitive research title
- ◆ The expansion of TIFIA under the America Fast Forward Financing Innovation Title

We urge all Members of the EPW Committee to vote to favorably report this bill and to avoid amendments at this time that could create division or controversy. We continue to support Finance Committee Chairman Baucus' efforts to develop a revenue title that prevents funding cuts.

Finally, we look forward to continuing our work with you and your staff as MAP-21 moves forward. We thank you for the open, transparent process and the high level of access you and your staff have given as the bill was being developed. We hope to work closely with you to offer comments on any potential managers' amendments developed between now and enactment. As always, our member organizations and staff are here to help in any way that is appropriate.

Sincerely,


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President and CEO