

February 12, 2020

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

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leaders McConnell and Schumer:

We, the undersigned organizations, respectfully urge bipartisan action to rebuild and modernize America's infrastructure, which will lead to long-term economic growth and improved quality of life for all Americans. Specifically, we urge the Senate to consider, as soon as possible, legislation to reauthorize federal surface transportation programs, which are set to expire on September 30, 2020.

We applaud the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee for taking a critical step forward to reauthorize federal surface transportation programs by unanimously approving S. 2302, the *America's Transportation Infrastructure Act (ATIA)*, last summer—well in advance of this year's expiration. S. 2302 reauthorizes the Federal-aid Highway Program for five-years at record investment levels, providing all states with the funding and certainty needed to improve their highways and bridges. The bill will also deliver beneficial projects faster by cutting red tape, tapping private-sector capital and innovations, prioritizing safety, and improving the quality of life for rural and urban communities. We are pleased the other Senate Committees of jurisdiction are developing proposals to reauthorize the remaining federal surface transportation programs, including public transportation, and provide the necessary revenue to support these important programs.

During the State of the Union address, President Trump reiterated the need to rebuild our infrastructure and called on Congress to pass ATIA. This show of broad, bipartisan cooperation speaks not only to the merits of moving forward with such legislation, but also to its prospects for passage and popularity with the electorate. History has demonstrated that delaying action on such legislation leads to two negative outcomes: stifling economic development and construction workers not on job sites.

We urge the Senate to take up legislation to reauthorize the federal surface transportation programs as soon as possible. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues to ensure swift passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

American Road & Transportation Builders Association  
Associated General Contractors of America  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

National Association of Counties  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
American Public Transportation Association  
Transportation Intermediaries Association  
American Highway Users Alliance  
Associated Equipment Manufacturers  
American Public Works Association  
International Union of Operating Engineers  
Laborers International Union of North America  
Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO  
North America's Building Trades Unions  
Transport Workers Union of America  
National Electrical Contractors Association  
National Association of Truckstop Operators  
National Association of County Engineers  
American Traffic Safety Services Association  
Industrial Minerals Association – North America  
Energy Equipment & Infrastructure Alliance  
American Concrete Pavement Association  
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute  
Auto Care Association  
National Asphalt Pavement Association  
Portland Cement Association  
American Council of Engineering Companies  
National Association of Chemical Distributors  
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association  
American Concrete Pipe Association  
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
International Warehouse Logistics Association  
American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI)  
American Moving & Storage Association  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA)  
National Steel Bridge Alliance  
Equipment Dealers Association  
National Tank Truck Carriers, Inc.  
FMI – The Food Industry Association

Cc: All Senate