

June 5, 2020

President Donald Trump  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Mr. President:

We, the undersigned organizations, respectfully urge your support of an immediate \$49.95 billion infusion of federal funding for state departments of transportation (DOTs) as your administration and Congress work on the next COVID-19 response legislation. Preserving the continuity of state transportation programs now will help forestall further job losses in public and private sectors and allow planned transportation projects to move forward.

With millions of Americans following “stay-at-home” orders, many state governments are facing severe losses in revenues across the board including dedicated user fee revenues on which State DOTs heavily rely. Projections continue to show decreases in state motor fuel tax and toll receipts as nationwide vehicle traffic reduction bottomed out at about 50 percent in early April. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials estimates a 30 percent average decline in state transportation revenue over the next 18 months. Some states could experience losses as high as 45 percent. As a result, the ability of state DOTs to carry out their core functions, including capital construction programs, is threatened. Already, some state DOTs are delaying critical transportation projects, putting transportation construction jobs at risk.

Providing state DOTs with an immediate infusion of funding is not unlike action taken in prior COVID-19 response legislation, which compensated aviation, transit, and passenger rail sectors for reductions in ridership and revenue. This urgently needed funding will prevent disruptions to planned transportation projects and allow state DOT employees and transportation construction workers essential to planning and delivering these projects to remain on the job. This action to preserve core state DOT capabilities is absolutely critical in order for states to carry out a robust, bipartisan, and long-term surface transportation legislation later this year that can serve as our national platform for economic recovery and growth.

We appreciate your leadership during this unprecedented time and urge you to support this funding in order to make critical transportation improvements and keep Americans working as our country reopens stronger than ever.

Sincerely,

American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials  
American Concrete Pavement Association  
American Concrete Pipe Association  
American Council of Engineering Companies

American Council of Engineering Companies of Arizona  
American Highway Users Alliance  
American Iron and Steel Institute  
American Public Works Association  
American Road & Transportation Builders Association  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
American Subcontractors Association  
American Traffic Safety Services Association  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
Associated General Contractors of America  
Association for the Improvement of American Infrastructure  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Auto Care Association  
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute  
Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc.  
FP<sup>2</sup> – Foundation for Pavement Preservation  
Greyhound Lines, Inc.  
Institute of Transportation Engineers  
ITS America – The Intelligent Transportation Society of America  
Laborers' International Union of North America  
Maryland Asphalt Association  
Mercer Strategic Alliance, Inc.  
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association  
NACE International  
NACE International Institute  
National Asphalt Pavement Association  
National Association of Surety Bond Producers  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
National Steel Bridge Alliance  
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association  
Portland Cement Association  
Potters Industries  
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute  
Rural Transportation Advocacy Council  
RV Industry Association  
Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association  
Tire Industry Association  
Trinity Highway Products, LLC  
Volvo Group North America

cc: The Honorable Steven Mnuchin, Secretary, Department of the Treasury  
The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary, Department of Transportation