

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