



## Invest in Our Nation's Infrastructure

### Background:

NECA contractors play a crucial role in the building and maintenance of our transportation system. Our members power our nation's buildings, hospitals, and schools; light our highways and streets; connect transit and rail switches; install complex electrical systems at airports; operate and maintain the plants that keep our water clean, and much more. Unfortunately, a systemic failure to adequately invest in our infrastructure is taking its toll on the system. We must reverse course and properly fund investments in our transportation infrastructure. Economic studies show that every \$1 billion in infrastructure investment creates 28,500 direct and indirect jobs, providing our economy and the American taxpayers with a high return on investment.

### Key Points:

- *Federal Funding.* Ensure funding is increased for the Federal construction agencies. This should include increased funding for the military construction accounts at the Department of Defense, the Federal Buildings Fund account within the General Services Administration, and all other appropriate construction accounts for the other "civilian" agencies.
- *Highway Trust Fund.* Find a Sustainable Solution to Fix the Highway Trust Fund. Congress must enact a long-term sustainable revenue source for the Highway Trust Fund that makes the fund whole, and significantly increases our investment in transportation infrastructure.

### NECA Asks:

- Pass a robust, well-funded, comprehensive infrastructure funding bill that addresses needs in all sectors.
- Make passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 a priority.
- Urge the House Appropriations Committee to fully fund the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.
- Congress should also oppose efforts to arbitrarily cut the Federal construction accounts to help balance discretionary spending.
- Streamline the project permitting process across infrastructure sectors, with safeguards to protect the environment, to provide greater clarity to regulatory requirements, bring priority projects to reality more quickly, and secure cost savings.