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 or 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

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