

June 14, 2021

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

Dear Leader Schumer:

Investing in infrastructure remains a transformational opportunity for Congress to improve the nation's economy, create thousands of good-paying jobs, and build for the future. We are encouraged by your May 25 comments pledging to seize this opportunity and move an infrastructure bill in July. We urge you to take the next step by formally scheduling Senate floor time now for action on the *Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2021 (STRA)* before the August state work period.

The STRA was unanimously approved by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW) and calls for historic and timely levels of investment to rebuild the nation's roads and bridges. The bill would increase federal highway investment by 34 percent, while pursuing important environmental review and approval process reforms, protecting infrastructure assets from future natural disasters, preserving state flexibility and improving the safety of our assets.

The EPW Committee moved first in 2019 to spur action before the FAST Act surface transportation law expired in 2020, but inaction by other committees led to a stalled process and a one-year extension. Short-term extensions generate significant disruptions and uncertainty for state transportation programs and the people and businesses relying on infrastructure development. An announcement of floor time for the STRA consideration would be a strong signal of preserved continuity of federal funds and help facilitate necessary action among other relevant Senate committees.

We continue to encourage bipartisan negotiations on a larger infrastructure package and recognize the need to invest in all forms of infrastructure. Moving a surface transportation authorization can prove to be an important step in that process. Highway and public transportation programs are the only federal infrastructure authorizations set to expire Sept. 30 and cannot wait past the summer work period for Senate action.

Please ensure the progress made on the STRA continues by scheduling a full surface transportation reauthorization bill for floor consideration before the August state work period.

Sincerely,

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

American Farm Bureau Federation  
National Retail Federation  
National Association of Counties  
American Bus Association  
American Public Works Association  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
American Traffic Safety Services Association  
Building America's Future  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Safe Routes Partnership  
League of American Bicyclists  
American Highway Users Alliance  
Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association (SMACNA)  
American Subcontractors Association  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA)  
The Surety & Fidelity Association of America  
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association  
Auto Care Association  
National Electrical Contractors Association  
Design-Build Institute of America  
National Association of Trailer Manufacturers  
Institute of Transportation Engineers  
American Institute of Steel Construction  
National Steel Bridge Alliance  
National Association of Home Builders  
The Association of Union Constructors (TAUC)  
Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association  
American Iron and Steel Institute  
American Council of Engineering Companies  
Steel Manufacturers Association  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
American Society of Concrete Contractors  
Associated Wire Rope Fabricators  
National Association of Surety Bond Producers  
International Warehouse Logistics Association  
National Association of the Remodeling Industry, NARI  
Portland Cement Association  
Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA)  
American Concrete Pipe Association  
National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS)  
Subsurface Utility Engineering Association (SUEA)  
U.S. Geospatial Executives Organization (U.S. GEO)  
Forging Industry Association

FP<sup>2</sup>, formerly the Foundation for Pavement Preservation  
American Foundry Society  
Intelligent Transportation Society of America  
National Association of County Engineers  
National Asphalt Pavement Association  
National Association of REALTORS®  
American Chemistry Council  
National Safety Council  
Governors Highway Safety Association  
American Concrete Pavement Association  
International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association  
Construction & Demolition Recycling Association  
ICPI, the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute  
Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)  
Institute of Makers of Explosives  
Association for the Improvement of American Infrastructure (AIAI)  
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association  
American Concrete Pumping Association  
National Precast Concrete Association

Cc: U.S. Senate