September 9, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell Majority Leader U.S. Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer Democratic Leader U.S. Senate Washington, D.C. 205150 The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy Republican Leader U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, Democratic Leader Schumer, and Republican Leader McCarthy:

The current surface transportation law—the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act—expires in 21 days. Therefore, the undersigned 88 organizations urge you to pass legislation to the President before September 30 that includes:

- 1. A turn-key, one-year extension of the current surface transportation law with increased investment levels:
- 2. Emergency federal funding for state departments of transportation and public transit agencies—\$37 billion and \$32 billion, respectively; and
- 3. Provisions to ensure solvency of the Highway Trust Fund for the duration of the extension at a minimum.

Public agencies continue to face COVID-19 pandemic-induced revenue declines. As a result, state and local entities already delayed or cancelled \$8 billion in surface transportation projects, with more on the horizon absent any clear sign of support from the federal government. Failure to approve a one-year extension with increased funding for the purpose of stability would only exacerbate this dire situation.

Passing legislation that includes the aforementioned priorities would enable critical improvements that increase the safety and efficiency of the surface transportation system. This timely action by Congress would tangibly enhance the quality of life for all Americans and jumpstart America's economic recovery.

Thank you for your leadership in addressing these critical issues. We look forward to working with you to approve such legislation before September 30.

Sincerely,

American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials American Road & Transportation Builders Association Associated General Contractors of America U.S. Chamber of Commerce Association of Equipment Manufacturers National Retail Federation American Public Transportation Association

International Union of Operating Engineers

Laborers' International Union of North America

Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO

National Association of Manufacturers

American Highway Users Alliance

Retail Industry Leaders Association

North America's Building Trades Unions

American Society of Civil Engineers

Associated Builders and Contractors

National Association of Counties

American Council of Engineering Companies

American Concrete Pavement Association

National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association

American Concrete Pipe Association

American Traffic Safety Services Association

National Asphalt Pavement Association

Portland Cement Association

The Surety & Fidelity Association of America

Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association (SMACNA)

American Subcontractors Association

Building America's Future

Associated Equipment Distributors

American Iron and Steel Institute

American Institute of Steel Construction

National Steel Bridge Alliance

Auto Care Association

National Ready Mixed Concrete Association

National Association of Surety Bond Producers

American Public Works Association

Geospatial Equipment & Technology Institute (GETI)

National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS)

Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) Association

U.S. Geospatial Executives Organization (U.S. GEO)

Intelligent Transportation Society of America

Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association

National Safety Council

League of American Bicyclists

Safe Routes Partnership

The Design-Build Institute of America

Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance

United Brotherhood of Carpenters

Governors Highway Safety Association

Association for the Improvement of American Infrastructure

Community Transportation Association of America

International Association of Iron Workers

Transport Workers Union of America

International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association

Institute of Transportation Engineers

Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute (ICPI)

Railway Supply Institute

National Utility Contractors Association

FP² (formerly Foundation for Pavement Preservation)

National Tour Association

United States Tour Operators Association

American Association of Port Authorities

Institute of Makers of Explosives

National Electrical Contractors Association

Industrial Minerals Association – North America

Construction & Demolition Recycling Association

National Association of County Engineers

The Association of Union Constructors (TAUC)

American Concrete Pumping Association

Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute

Steel Manufacturers Association

Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute

Foodservice Equiment Distributors Association

National Parking Association

National Waste and Recycling Association

North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM)

Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association

National Mining Association

Lubricant Manufacturers Association

Associated Wire Rope Fabricators

National Association of Trailer Manufacturers

Metals Service Center Institute

Corn Refiners Association

Amalgamated Transit Union

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

American Foundry Society

Women Construction Owners and Executives

NORA, An Association of Responsible Recyclers

cc: All Members of Congress