

July 21, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Jeffries, Chairman Cole, and Ranking Member DeLauro,

Federal surface transportation investment benefits every American daily. The undersigned organizations recognize the importance of Congress acting promptly to avoid a lapse in federal funding and maintain continuity for federal transportation programs and projects.

At the same time, any short-term government funding measure should preserve the total FY 2026 enacted funding levels, regardless of previous funding source, for these critical programs. This would allow long-overdue transportation improvements to continue without interruption, while work on FY 2027 appropriations and a multi-year surface transportation reauthorization continues.

Any policy or funding modifications to the surface transportation programs—even if temporary—would inject uncertainty into state and local planning efforts, which can jeopardize safety and mobility improvements and create downstream impacts across the economy.

This potential funding reduction underscores the urgency of completing a long-term surface transportation reauthorization. We urge House leaders to bring the bipartisan BUILD America 250 Act to the floor and pass it as soon as possible. The legislation would provide states and local transportation agencies with the predictable, multi-year federal investment needed to plan and deliver critical projects.

As bicameral discussions ensue on a continuing resolution, we urge lawmakers to preserve transportation investment and avoid unnecessary disruptions to ongoing projects. Congress should act before current funding expires and pass the BUILD America 250 Act. However, if a short-term funding measure is necessary, Congress should use the additional time it provides to

complete action on the legislation and provide the long-term certainty states, localities, contractors, workers, and communities need.

We look forward to working with you to reaffirm Congress's strong support for transportation improvements as this process moves forward.

Sincerely,

American Road & Transportation Builders Association
Associated General Contractors of America
American Public Transportation Association
American Trucking Associations
National League of Cities
Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
American Society of Civil Engineers
International Union of Operating Engineers
Laborers International Union of North America
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
National Asphalt Pavement Association
Essential Minerals Association
Truck Renting and Leasing Association
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute
Distribution Contractors Association
Plastics Pipe Institute
Pennsylvania Utility Contractors Association
State Business Executives
Women in Trucking Association
FCA International
American Subcontractors Association
National Association of Surety Bond Producers
American Cement Association
Commercial Real Estate Development Association
American Galvanizers Association
FP2, formerly the Foundation for Pavement Preservation
Community Transportation Association of America
Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
National Tank Truck Carriers
National Association of County Engineers
American Council of Engineering Companies
National Utility Contractors Association

American Institute of Steel Construction
National Steel Bridge Alliance
Governors Highway Safety Association
National Grange
American Concrete Pipe Association
National Lime Association
American Concrete Pavement Association
Airports Council International - North America
National Association of Regional Councils