

June 5, 2020

President Donald Trump
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Mr. President:

We, the undersigned organizations, respectfully urge your support of an immediate \$49.95 billion infusion of federal funding for state departments of transportation (DOTs) as your administration and Congress work on the next COVID-19 response legislation. Preserving the continuity of state transportation programs now will help forestall further job losses in public and private sectors and allow planned transportation projects to move forward.

With millions of Americans following “stay-at-home” orders, many state governments are facing severe losses in revenues across the board including dedicated user fee revenues on which State DOTs heavily rely. Projections continue to show decreases in state motor fuel tax and toll receipts as nationwide vehicle traffic reduction bottomed out at about 50 percent in early April. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials estimates a 30 percent average decline in state transportation revenue over the next 18 months. Some states could experience losses as high as 45 percent. As a result, the ability of state DOTs to carry out their core functions, including capital construction programs, is threatened. Already, some state DOTs are delaying critical transportation projects, putting transportation construction jobs at risk.

Providing state DOTs with an immediate infusion of funding is not unlike action taken in prior COVID-19 response legislation, which compensated aviation, transit, and passenger rail sectors for reductions in ridership and revenue. This urgently needed funding will prevent disruptions to planned transportation projects and allow state DOT employees and transportation construction workers essential to planning and delivering these projects to remain on the job. This action to preserve core state DOT capabilities is absolutely critical in order for states to carry out a robust, bipartisan, and long-term surface transportation legislation later this year that can serve as our national platform for economic recovery and growth.

We appreciate your leadership during this unprecedented time and urge you to support this funding in order to make critical transportation improvements and keep Americans working as our country reopens stronger than ever.

Sincerely,

American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials
American Concrete Pavement Association
American Concrete Pipe Association
American Council of Engineering Companies

American Council of Engineering Companies of Arizona
American Highway Users Alliance
American Iron and Steel Institute
American Public Works Association
American Road & Transportation Builders Association
American Society of Civil Engineers
American Subcontractors Association
American Traffic Safety Services Association
Associated Equipment Distributors
Associated General Contractors of America
Association for the Improvement of American Infrastructure
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Auto Care Association
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute
Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc.
FP² – Foundation for Pavement Preservation
Greyhound Lines, Inc.
Institute of Transportation Engineers
ITS America – The Intelligent Transportation Society of America
Laborers' International Union of North America
Maryland Asphalt Association
Mercer Strategic Alliance, Inc.
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association
NACE International
NACE International Institute
National Asphalt Pavement Association
National Association of Surety Bond Producers
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
National Steel Bridge Alliance
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
Portland Cement Association
Potters Industries
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute
Rural Transportation Advocacy Council
RV Industry Association
Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association
Tire Industry Association
Trinity Highway Products, LLC
Volvo Group North America

cc: The Honorable Steven Mnuchin, Secretary, Department of the Treasury
The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary, Department of Transportation