

October 1, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Majority Leader, United States Senate
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker, United States House of Representatives
The Honorable John Barrasso, Chair, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio, Chair, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
The Honorable Richard Shelby, Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Nita Lowey, Chair, House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer, Democratic Leader, United States Senate
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Republican Leader, United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Thomas R. Carper, Ranking Member, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
The Honorable Sam Graves, Ranking Member, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Ranking Member, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Kay Granger, Ranking Member, House Appropriations Committee

Dear Congressional Leaders:

As the organization representing all 50 state departments of transportation (state DOTs), the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) writes to express our sincere gratitude for extending the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act for one full year through September 30, 2021, in the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act (HR 8337).

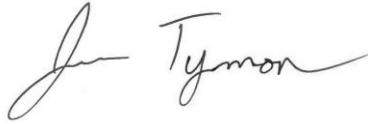
Recognizing a most difficult fiscal environment compounded by the pandemic, we are also appreciative of the \$13.6 billion transfer to the Highway Trust Fund to make sure the federal surface transportation programs it supports do not face a cash shortfall with attendant reductions in reimbursements for obligations already incurred by state DOTs. The FAST Act extension will allow state DOTs and their partners to have greater certainty in delivering critical highway and transportation improvements in every part of the country for the coming year.

With this crucial program extension now in place, we must make the most out of FY 2021 to get a robust, multiyear surface reauthorization of highway, highway safety, transit, and passenger rail programs across the finish line by October of next year. AASHTO members stand ready to assist you in this process.

Thank you for your leadership and support for our nation's transportation infrastructure through this much-needed legislative action.

If you would like to discuss further, please contact Joung Lee, AASHTO's Director of Policy and Government Relations, at 202-425-0969 or jlee@aaashoto.org.

Sincerely,



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American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

cc:

- The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito, Chair, Senate Environment and Public Works
Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure
- The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton, Chair, House Transportation and Infrastructure
Subcommittee on Highways and Transit
- The Honorable Susan Collins, Chair, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
- The Honorable David E. Price, Chair, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
- The Honorable Ben Cardin, Ranking Member, Senate Environment and Public Works
Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure
- The Honorable Rodney Davis, Ranking Member, House Transportation and Infrastructure
Subcommittee on Highways and Transit
- The Honorable Jack Reed, Ranking Member, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
- The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart, Ranking Member, House Appropriations Subcommittee on
Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies