

**COMMUNICATION TO THE CONFERENCE ON THE
REAUTHORIZATION OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
National Asphalt Pavement Association
American Trucking Association
American Society of Civil Engineers
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
American Automobile Association
The Associated General Contractors of America
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
American Council of Engineering Companies
American Road & Transportation Builders Association
Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO
Laborers' International Union of North America
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
National Association of Manufacturers
American Public Transportation Association
American Highway Users Alliance
International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association
Associated Equipment Distributors

May 15, 2012

Dear Conferees:

On behalf of our respective organizations we urge you to quickly complete work on Moving Ahead For Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), the surface transportation bill, by passing the conference report in order to get a bill to the President before the entire transportation program expires on June 30, 2012.

Congressional action prior to the expiration of the current transportation extension on June 30th will ensure the continuation of the Federal Highway and Transit programs, and failure to enact this legislation will be devastating to America's workers, jobs, businesses, and the economy.

This is a historic moment, because the American economy is at risk and the nation is falling even further behind on our infrastructure needs. The nation's economy is at a critical stage, and this surface transportation legislation can be a major factor in ensuring that we will strengthen our overall position in the world economy.

While we have a long and honorable history of advancing the nation's surface transportation

programs, we are at a crossroads, and the future of these programs is dependent on your expeditious and cooperative action.

Again, this legislation must be passed before the June 30th deadline to create jobs, protect businesses, and keep America on the cutting edge of transportation infrastructure development.

Sincerely,

