

# INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING GROUP

September 30, 2019

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

As a participant of the Infrastructure Working Group, we urge bipartisan action to address our nation's long-standing infrastructure deficit. As this challenge persists and worsens, we encourage you to move a long-term, robustly funded surface transportation reauthorization ahead of the September 30, 2020 deadline in order to avoid costly delays that slow construction schedules and make important projects more costly and more difficult to complete.

Substantial and long-term investments in all kinds of infrastructure are needed to expand our economy, grow jobs and compete globally. We appreciate strong bipartisan support for various infrastructure initiatives over the years and hope momentum recently initiated by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee can lead to a successful, bipartisan surface transportation reauthorization.

Joined together to advance meaningful investment in the structures and systems that link our communities, country and commerce, the Infrastructure Working Group has long called for a federal infrastructure package that accomplishes six key principles. We urge the Senate to include these priorities:

- Significantly increase direct federal investments in infrastructure;
- Fix chronic challenges and address reoccurring shortages in key federal infrastructure accounts such as the Highway Trust Fund;
- Complement and strengthen existing tools, such as municipal bonds, that successfully deliver infrastructure investments at the federal, state and local levels;
- Facilitate opportunities for private investment in U.S. infrastructure;
- Create efficiencies such as accelerating the federal permitting process, while continuing to provide environmental protections, and;
- Encourage active participation among all levels of government and between public and private sectors without shifting federal responsibilities because no single partner can deliver a well-functioning, national U.S. infrastructure network driven by a long-term vision and funding stability.

The diverse voices from manufacturers to labor, construction to technology, agriculture to retailers and finance to local/state government are united by these principles. We are pleased that the America's Transportation and Infrastructure Act includes several of these principles and urge other committees of jurisdiction continue to advance the legislative process and include our principles. Passing a robust, long-term, on-time surface transportation bill is necessary to meet

current infrastructure needs and begin to mitigate our nation's infrastructure deficit. We look forward to working with you to deliver meaningful investments in the foundation that connects our nation's families and free enterprise.

Sincerely,

Aerospace Industries Association  
Agricultural Retailers Association  
Airports Council International - North America  
Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers  
American Association of Port Authorities  
American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials  
American Bakers Association  
American Boiler Manufacturers Association (ABMA)  
American Chemistry Council  
American Coatings Association, Inc.  
American Concrete Pavement Association  
American Concrete Pipe Association  
American Council of Engineering Companies  
American Forest & Paper Association  
American Foundry Society  
American Highway Users Alliance  
American Institute of Architects  
American Iron and Steel Institute  
American Pet Products Association  
American Petroleum Institute  
American Public Power Association  
American Public Transportation Association  
American Public Works Association  
American Road & Transportation Builders Association  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
American Soybean Association  
American Supply Association  
American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA)  
American Trucking Associations  
American Wire Producers Association  
American Wood Council  
AMT - The Association For Manufacturing Technology  
Associated Builders and Contractors  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
Associated General Contractors of America  
Association for the Improvement of American Infrastructure (AIAI)  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations  
Auto Care Association  
Bond Dealers of America  
BPC Action  
Brick Industry Association  
Building America's Future  
Coalition for America's Gateways & Trade Corridors

Commercial Vehicle Training Association  
Common Good  
Composite Panel Association  
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute  
Construction Management Association of America  
Corn Refiners Association  
Edison Electric Institute  
Equipment Dealers Association  
Fabricators and Manufacturers Association, International  
Geosynthetic Materials Association  
Global Cold Chain Alliance  
Government Finance Officers Association  
Grocery Manufacturers Association  
Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association  
Industrial Fasteners Institute  
Industrial Minerals Association - North America  
Institute of Makers of Explosives  
Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc.  
Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute  
International Association of Fire Chiefs  
International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association  
International Union of Operating Engineers  
Irrigation Association  
Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association (JPMA)  
Laborers International Union of North America  
Metal Powder Industries Federation  
Metal Treating Institute  
Metals Service Center Institute  
Motorcycle Industry Council  
Motorcycle Safety Foundation  
National Asphalt Pavement Association  
National Association of Bond Lawyers  
National Association of Chemical Distributors  
National Association of Counties  
National Association of County Engineers  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Association of REALTORS®  
National Association of Regional Councils  
National Association of Trailer Manufacturers  
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors  
National Concrete Masonry Association  
National Corn Growers Association  
National Electrical Contractors Association  
National Electrical Manufacturers Association  
National Fastener Distributors Association  
National Grain And Feed Association  
National League of Cities  
National Lime Association (NLA)  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
National Milk Producers Federation

National Oilseed Processors Association  
National Precast Concrete Association  
National Private Truck Council  
National Railroad Construction and Maintenance Association (NRC)  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
National Retail Federation  
National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS)  
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association  
National Tank Truck Carriers, Inc.  
National Utility Contractors Association  
National Waste & Recycling Association  
National Wooden Pallet and Container Association  
North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM)  
North American Deck and Railing Association  
North American Millers' Association  
North America's Building Trades Unions  
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute  
Petroleum Equipment Institute (PEI)  
Plastic Pipe and Fittings Association  
Plastics Industry Association  
Plastics Pipe Institute  
Plumbing Manufacturers International  
Portland Cement Association  
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute  
Rail Passengers Association  
Railway Supply Institute  
Railway Tie Association  
Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association  
Retail Industry Leaders Association  
RV Industry Association  
Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association  
Security Industry Association  
Specialty Tools & Fasteners Distributors Association  
Specialty Vehicle Institute of America  
Steel Manufacturers Association  
Subsurface Utility Engineering Association  
The Aluminum Association  
The Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry (INDA)  
The Fertilizer Institute  
The Independent Packaging Association (AICC)  
The Real Estate Roundtable  
The United States Conference of Mayors  
Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO  
Travel Goods Association (TGA)  
Treated Wood Council  
TRSA  
U.S. Geospatial Executives Organization  
U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association  
United Association of Plumbers & Fitters  
Vinyl Institute

Water Infrastructure Network (WIN)  
Western Wood Preservers Institute