



December 2, 2015

Dear Congress:

The Highway Materials Group (HMG), comprised of the nine undersigned national associations listed below, applauds the work of the transportation conference committee and urges Congress to pass *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act* prior to the current extension deadline of December 4.

The FAST Act is a five-year surface transportation bill funded above baseline levels at \$305 billion. It will improve the nation's roads, bridges, transit systems, and rail transportation network through meaningful policy reforms while maintaining broad bipartisan support.

The FAST Act provides long-awaited certainty essential for informed planning by states and local governments and grants them added flexibility in allocating resources. National priorities are refocused, a strong commitment to safety is maintained and project approval processes are streamlined. This will allow business and industry to make the investments in equipment, technology, and people necessary to put America back on the road to increased economic growth and prosperity.

We strongly support the FAST Act and respectfully urge you to do the same. We look forward to working with you to advance this reauthorization legislation through both chambers of Congress and onto the President's desk.

Sincerely,
The Highway Materials Group

American Coal Ash Association
American Concrete Pavement Association
Associated Equipment Distributors
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute
National Asphalt Pavement Association
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
Portland Cement Association