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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS:

The Americans for Transportation Mobility (ATM) Coalition, a national coalition of business, labor, highway and transit interests and concerned citizens, strongly supports H.R. 22, the “Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act” (The FAST Act) Conference Report. We urge the House to take up and pass this legislation before the current surface transportation extension expires on December 4.

Congress has for too long avoided its responsibility for providing a long term reauthorization of the surface transportation program. We commend the Conference Committee, led by Representative Bill Shuster (R-PA), Senator Jim Inhofe (R-OK), Representative Peter DeFazio (D-OR), and Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA), for taking an important step towards providing long term certainty needed for planning, financing, and the execution of surface transportation projects.

ATM is pleased that the conference report provides five years of increased and secure funding, while accelerating project delivery and providing needed reforms to ensure states and local governments have the flexibility to complete much-needed transportation improvements. ATM also supports the establishment of a new freight program that provides targeted investments to improve the nation’s logistics system.

ATM appreciates the hard work that went into completing the FAST Act and urges its prompt passage.

Sincerely,

The Americans for Transportation Mobility Coalition