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Dear Senators:

The 31 national associations and trade unions of the Transportation Construction Coalition (TCC) write in support of the *America's Transportation Infrastructure Act* (ATIA). We urge all Environment and Public Works Committee members to support ATIA during the full-committee mark-up July 30.

The TCC commends the effort made by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) to introduce ATIA as a bipartisan measure, reinforcing the critical role surface transportation programs play across all 50 states. By investing $287 billion over five years, ATIA will address much-needed improvements to our nation's roads and bridges and provide funding certainty for long-term planning.

By including a 17 percent increase in funding during year one, ATIA will help states address backlogs in maintenance, make investments in freight corridors and improve safety and congestion. At the same time, improvements to project streamlining and innovative financing programs will help federal and state Departments of Transportation work more efficiently over the subsequent years of authorization.

The TCC also applauds the committee's commitment to working quickly to move the process forward, well in advance of the FAST act's expiration. Too often short-term extensions plague the reauthorization process, leading to uncertainty within state DOTs and resulting in project delays. Working in advance of a deadline will also provide ample time to secure funding to stabilize the Highway Trust Fund over the long-term.

The members of the TCC look forward to working with the EPW committee and other committees of jurisdiction to ensure timely enaction of ATIA, in advance of the FAST Act's expiration next year.

Sincerely,

The Transportation Construction Coalition

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works