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The Honorable William "Bill" Shuster
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The County of Los Angeles is pleased to support the Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform (STRR) Act of 2015, which is scheduled for mark-up this Thursday in the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

The STRR Act is also supported by the National Association of Counties (NACo) and contains many priorities that are important to local government. The draft legislation increases the amount of funding available for locally-owned infrastructure and puts more federal highway dollars in the hands of local decision-makers. The bill also increases the amount of funding for the Surface Transportation Program (STP) beyond inflationary growth and increases the percentage of STP funding that is sub-allocated to local areas.

Importantly, the STRR Act also protects funding for off-system bridges and increases funding for locally-owned on-system bridges such as those in the County, preserves the current off-system bridge set-aside under the STP, and makes on-system bridges that are not on the National Highway System eligible for funding under the National Highway Performance Program.

The County believes that the STRR Act is an important first step toward the eventual enactment of a multi-year bill to reauthorize highway and transit programs. It is the County's hope that the Ways and Means Committee can act expeditiously to approve a financing title that will fund the STRR Act over multiple years, which will provide the necessary financial certainty to effectively respond to the transportation needs of our residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Campbell".

Greg Campbell
Acting Chief Legislative Representative

cc: Rep. Peter A. DeFazio, Ranking Minority Member, House Transportation and Infrastructure
Committee
Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation