

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION

REAUTHORIZATION & REFORM ACT OF 2015

The Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015 is a multi-year, fiscally responsible surface transportation reauthorization bill that improves our Nation's infrastructure, reforms our surface transportation programs, refocuses those programs on addressing national priorities, maintains a strong commitment to safety, and welcomes innovation to make the system safer and more efficient. This bill will help us spend less time stuck in traffic, facilitate commerce and economic growth, boost our competitiveness, help create jobs, and improve our quality of life.

Improving Our Infrastructure

- Provides certainty for state and local governments to undertake large-scale, complex transportation projects
- Provides flexibility for states to invest in bridge rehabilitation and replacement
- Eliminates red tape that slows down infrastructure improvements

Reforms

- Streamlines the environmental review and permitting process to cut red tape and accelerate project delivery
- Provides more flexibility and decision-making to states and local governments to allow them to better address their priorities and needs
- Eliminates and consolidates offices within the Department of Transportation
- Establishes a National Surface Transportation and Innovative Finance Bureau to provide assistance to help state, local, and private sector partners move transportation projects forward
- Overhauls federal truck and bus safety grant programs and rulemaking processes
- Reforms truck and bus safety programs and eases administrative burdens on small businesses

Refocusing on National Priorities

- Facilitates commerce and the movement of goods by establishing a Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects Program
- Provides flexibility to states to target driver safety grants on their pressing safety needs
- Consolidates truck and bus safety grant programs and provides state flexibility on safety priorities

Innovation

- Promotes private investment in our surface transportation system
- Promotes the deployment of transportation technologies and congestion management tools that support an efficient and safe surface transportation system for all
- Updates federal research and transportation standards development to reflect the growth of technology in transportation
- Encourages the installation of vehicle-to-infrastructure equipment to reduce congestion and improve safety
- Improves truck and bus safety by accelerating the introduction of new transportation technologies

