

House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Member Day Hearing Remarks

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- Thank you, Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen, for the opportunity to testify in support of critical transportation and infrastructure programs that support my constituents in California's 31st District and communities across the nation.
- This committee will soon begin drafting the Surface Transportation Reauthorization bill.
- The most recent surface reauthorization bill, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funded roughly 66,000 projects across the United States.
- This amounted to almost \$570 billion for projects to improve roads, repair bridges, modernize transit systems, support public safety, and more.
- This legislation created programs to build out electric vehicle charging infrastructure, created American manufacturing jobs through the low and no emission buses program, and invested in workforce development in the transit and trucking fields.
- Modernizing our transportation infrastructure should not be a partisan issue.
- But I'm concerned that our nation's transportation needs will fall victim to the Majority's political partisanship.
- Modern and safe transit, roads, and bridges support economic activity across the United States.
- They support countless people who just want to get to work and school.

- These investments support American manufacturing jobs right here at home, in districts across the political spectrum.
- And with the 2026 FIFA World Cup and the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games coming to Los Angeles County, we must make needed investments in transportation infrastructure.
- Not only to host international athletes and visitors, but to ensure our local economies benefit from the economic opportunities that these global events will bring.
- Safe, modern transportation infrastructure is integral to our economic success as a nation.
- As you draft the Surface Transportation Reauthorization bill, I urge my colleagues across the aisle to not allow politics to get in the way of supporting American jobs in your districts and the economic growth of the United States.
- Specifically, I urge full funding for the Low-or No Emission Grant Program, Urbanized Area Formula Grants, the Railroad Crossing Elimination Program, the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program to support low-capacity communities, and the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program.
- Critically, I also support a significant investment in transportation needs – especially public transit needs – ahead of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles.
- Thank you again for your time and consideration. I hope you will keep these priorities in mind as you draft legislation for the benefit of our communities.