

May 19, 2026

The Honorable Sam Graves  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation and  
Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation and  
Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America), I would like to commend the Committee for its bipartisan efforts to advance a long-term surface transportation reauthorization in the *BUILD America 250 Act*. We appreciate the Committee's continued leadership in advancing policies that integrate innovation and technology to strengthen the nation's transportation system and position the United States for long-term economic growth and global competitiveness.

In particular, ITS America applauds the Committee's recognition of digital infrastructure as a foundational component of modern transportation systems. The inclusion and thoughtful treatment of digital infrastructure in the legislation reflects a clear understanding that the safety, efficiency, and successful operation of our surface transportation network increasingly depend on the integration of data, communications, and intelligent technologies alongside physical infrastructure assets. We are encouraged by the inclusion of an Innovation Title that will serve as a starting point to meaningfully modernize our transportation system.

We appreciate the Committee's efforts to ensure that federal programs can support the deployment of these technologies in a manner that complements traditional infrastructure investments. Reauthorizing the critical technology deployment programs like SMART and ATTAIN begins to provide states and localities with the funding they need and is a positive step toward modernizing our transportation system. We look forward to working with the Committee to ensure greater directed investment in technology going forward so that agencies have certainty they need to modernize their systems and deliver safer, more effective transportation solutions.

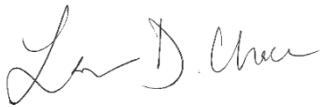
By elevating digital infrastructure within this legislative framework, the Committee is demonstrating important leadership in embracing innovation as a core element of transportation policy. Investments in technologies such as advanced communications networks, data-enabled transportation management

platforms, software, and other technologies will enable more proactive, informed, and responsive operations across the system. These capabilities are essential to improving roadway safety, enhancing mobility, and optimizing the performance of existing infrastructure.

ITS America and its members stand ready to serve as a resource to the Committee as it continues to refine this legislation. Our organization brings together transportation agencies, technology providers, and other stakeholders that are actively deploying these solutions across the country, and we welcome the opportunity to share lessons learned and best practices to support implementation.

We look forward to continued engagement on transportation technology issues with policymakers as the legislative process moves forward. Thank you again for your leadership and for your commitment to advancing a more innovative, more effective, and safer transportation system.

Sincerely,



**Laura Chace**  
President and CEO  
ITS America