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Operating Engineers Urge Immediate Passage of the FAST Act

WASHINGTON, DC -- *The following statement was issued today by James T. Callahan, General President of the International Union of Operating Engineers, on the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act:*

"The International Union of Operating Engineers applauds the bipartisan effort to finally craft a long-term, comprehensive surface transportation bill. The IUOE calls on both chambers of Congress to swiftly pass the conference committee report on Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and send it to President Obama's desk without further delay.

The passage of this five-year bill will finally place the highway and transit program on a sound long-term footing to create jobs, enhance safety, and compete effectively in the global economy. If enacted into law, the FAST Act will be a seminal accomplishment of the 114th Congress – an achievement that has not been seen in more than a decade.

Special thanks goes to the leaders of the authorizing committees – Chairman Inhofe, Ranking Member Boxer, Chairman Shuster, and Ranking Member DeFazio who all deserve a lot of credit for their stewardship of this legislation.

Enactment of the FAST Act represents a major opportunity for America, and for the thousands of members of the Operating Engineers who depend on these investments for their livelihoods. The transportation advocacy community believes wholeheartedly that now is the time to build on the bipartisan momentum from both sides of the aisle.

Frankly, the country needs more examples of this type of governance from Capitol Hill."

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The International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) represents 400,000 working men and women across the United States and Canada. Members of the IUOE are primarily operating engineers, who work as heavy equipment and crane operators, mechanics, and surveyors in the construction industry, and stationary engineers, who work in operations and maintenance in building and industrial complexes, as well as a number of job classifications in the petrochemical industry.