



October 21, 2015

The Honorable Bill Shuster  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
2167 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Peter DeFazio  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
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The Honorable Sam Graves  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Highways and Transit  
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chairman Shuster, Ranking Member DeFazio, Subcommittee Chairman Graves, and Ranking Member Norton:

The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) congratulates you on the release of the Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act (STRRA) of 2015. We appreciate your leadership and resolve in moving forward with this important legislation.

Although the funding levels are not high enough to address the nation's pressing infrastructure needs, STRRA is a significant improvement over the status quo of short-term extensions that have prevented state transportation departments and the transportation construction industry from long-term planning. NAPA understands there are significant challenges in finding the revenue needed to offset STRRA. Nevertheless, this legislation is an important first step in resolving the funding dilemma that is preventing the needed investments in America's highways, roads and bridges.

While NAPA has concerns with some of the provisions in STRRA, NAPA urges Committee members to support the legislation so that it may be fully debated on the House floor as soon as possible. NAPA believes it is critically important for the Committee to approve STRRA this week in order to get the legislation to a joint House-Senate conference committee and ultimately to the President's desk.

We look forward to working with you to advance this reauthorization legislation that promotes innovation, safety, greater mobility, and productivity; and to provide the offsets necessary to support a long-term source of funding for the federal-aid highway program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Acott". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mike Acott  
President