



COMMITTEE ON

# TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

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## What They Are Saying...

### ... About the Majority's Partisan "My Way or the Highway" Bill

After the release of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Majority's partisan "My Way or the Highway" surface transportation reauthorization bill, infrastructure stakeholders commented on the need to work in a *bipartisan* manner in order to pass a bill that can help fix the Nation's infrastructure and put more Americans back to work.

Committee Republicans were prepared to work across the aisle on a bipartisan bill and will continue to work towards a measure that factors in their commonsense principles, can gain bipartisan support, and get through both the House and Senate. For info about the Republicans' principles and response to the Majority's bill, click [here](#).

The following are some examples and excerpts from stakeholder statements about the Majority's bill:

"...it is **disappointing that this legislation was not developed in a bipartisan manner.**

Transportation has traditionally been a bipartisan issue and both sides of the aisle will have to work together to get a surface transportation bill over the finish line." *American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Executive Director Jim Tymon*

"With historic unemployment, tremendous unmet infrastructure needs, and less than four months before the expiration of surface transportation programs, **this is no time for another partisan approach to infrastructure.** The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee produced a bipartisan bill that drew unanimous support. We stand ready to work with Democrats and Republicans in the House and Senate to move a bipartisan bill the president can sign into law that would revive our nation's infrastructure." *U.S. Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President and Chief Policy Officer Neil Bradley*

“We urge House leaders on both sides of the aisle to focus on getting something done. **We have come too far for the process to be sidelined by partisan division.**” *American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) President and CEO Linda Bauer Darr*

“Manufacturers urge lawmakers in both chambers to focus on moving a robust bipartisan surface transportation investment quickly. As communities look to rebuild, **now would not be the time to fall back into previous habits of extension upon extension** leading to delay upon delay.” *National Association of Manufacturers Vice President, Infrastructure, Innovation and Human Resources Policy Robyn M. Boerstling*

“America’s railroads are **extremely disappointed in the House surface transportation reauthorization** released today. When all of us should be working together toward common sense solutions, this **partisan legislation falls far short of what this moment demands.**” *Association of American Railroads (AAR) President and CEO Ian Jefferies*

“**This is not the time for politics** but rather solutions that generate bipartisan support and can be quickly enacted. Infrastructure investment is not only the answer to fixing our roads and bridges, it is also the fastest and most enduring way to create jobs and realize a real economic recovery. The time to act is now.” *National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association President and CEO Michael W. Johnson*

“For the 7.7 million Americans in trucking who do their job each day to move our economy forward, **we ask members of Congress to do theirs—and pass a bipartisan infrastructure bill** that meets the urgent needs of our economy, our industry and the motoring public.” *American Trucking Associations President and CEO Chris Spear*

But they cautioned that **new programmatic and regulatory requirements in the measure could undermine some the bill’s potential economic benefits.** They urged Congressional leaders to work in a broad, bipartisan manner to rapidly pass a measure that expands highway capacity, improves bridges, builds transit and rail systems and supports long-term economic growth before current legislation expires. *Associated General Contractors (AGC) press release*

“While I am pleased that Congress is beginning the process of a Highway Reauthorization bill, **I am troubled by the fact this bill was written solely by one party. We, as motorcyclists, do not believe that the safety of riders is a partisan issue.** We will continue to educate lawmakers about our priorities and will remain vigilant in defense of our freedoms and safety.” *Motorcycle Riders Foundation President Kirk “Hardtail” Willard*