



July 1, 2025

The Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith
Chair
Subcommittee on Transportation-HUD
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation-HUD
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Steve Womack
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation-HUD
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jim Clyburn
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation-HUD
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairs Hyde-Smith and Cole and Ranking Members Gillibrand and Clyburn:

The American Road & Transportation Builders Association applauds your committees for their diligence in ensuring the transportation construction programs are fully funded at the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-authorized levels. As work begins on FY 2026 transportation appropriations legislation, we urge you to continue meeting federal investment commitments to renew and rebuild the nation's transportation infrastructure network.

The 2021 infrastructure law, combined with support in the annual appropriations process, has enabled nearly 100,000 road, bridge and public transportation enhancements. These projects are delivering safety and mobility benefits, along with economic growth in nearly every U.S. county.

Timely enactment of funding for highway and public transportation programs in FY 2026 will help ensure state departments of transportation have the certainty required to move projects forward and provide a foundation for the surface transportation program authorization due in 2026.

The next reauthorization of highway and public transportation programs should also be grounded in the latest available data on system use and needs, which is why completion of a new cost allocation study--as required in the 2021 infrastructure law--is particularly critical.

Producing a cost allocation study for the first time in 25 years would help Congress draft reauthorization legislation that accurately reflects the needs of a modern transportation network. We urge your committees to require U.S. Department of Transportation complete a new cost allocation study as soon as practicable.

Congress can help ensure improved transportation systems for all Americans by continuing to meet authorized funding commitments for highway and public transportation programs in the FY 2026 appropriations process. We look forward to working with you to deliver these outcomes.

Sincerely,

David Bauer
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