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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
The House of Representatives

Dear Speaker Boehner:

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) represents the transportation agencies of the fifty States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. On behalf of AASHTO, I want to express our collective concern that with approval of the pending Continuing Resolution, the full benefits associated with the federal-aid highway and transit funding provided in the recently enacted MAP 21 will not be realized.

It is our understanding that, unlike other programs, the Highway and Transit programs will not receive the same proportional funding increase generally available to most programs. This is of concern to us given the critical need to advance infrastructure investment.

In further support of our position we also note that the pending House and Senate FY 2013 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations measures incorporate the MAP 21 funding levels. When you return following the November elections, and conclude action on Fiscal Year 2013 appropriations, we strongly urge you to honor the funding levels established in law by MAP 21 which merely maintain baseline funding for the first year. This can be accomplished by enacting a stand alone FY THUD or an FY 2013 Omnibus Appropriations bill, either of which should include funding for the federal-aid highway and transit programs at the MAP 21 levels.

Given the state of the economy and the critical need for jobs we look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,

John Horsley
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