Bipartisan Mayors Launch Transportation Campaign

Call on Congress to Act on Surface Transportation Bill Now

Washington, DC - The nation’s mayors under the leadership of U.S. Conference of Mayors President Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, today launched The Mayors for Transportation Campaign, calling on Congressional members to pass the Senate version of the surface transportation bill now, which is set to expire on March 31st.

“A short-term extension creates uncertainty for businesses and workers and if projects stall, our economy and our cities will continue to suffer,” said Conference President Los Angeles Mayor Villaraigosa. “Transportation has always been bipartisan, and the current Congressional inaction is offensive and partisan and will result in Congress failing to do their job.”

The campaign, found at usmayors.org, includes:
• a “Countdown to Bill Expiration” clock;
• a video demonstrating the critical need to fix crumbling infrastructure in cities; and
• regular tweets from mayors nationwide pushing for passage of the transportation bill.

So far, the House has refused to take up the Senate’s bill and is instead working to pass a 90-day extension that would take us to June 30th, which is well into the presidential campaign making it impossible to get anything significant done before November.

The transportation bill that passed the Senate with strong bipartisan support will save or create 1.8 million jobs nationwide. The America Fast Forward component can create up to 1 million additional jobs across the country.

Full campaign information is available at usmayors.org.

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