May 25, 2021

Senator Tom Carper  
Chairman  
Environment and Public Works Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Shelley Capito  
Ranking Member  
Environment and Public Works Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Ben Cardin  
Chairman  
Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee  
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Kevin Cramer  
Ranking Member  
Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators:

The 33 national associations and trade unions of the Transportation Construction Coalition (TCC) write in support of the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2021. We urge all Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee members to support this legislation during the full-committee mark-up May 26.

The TCC commends the effort made by the EPW committee to introduce the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2021 as a bipartisan measure, reinforcing the critical role surface transportation programs play across all 50 states. By investing $303.5 billion over five years, this bill will address much-needed improvements to our nation’s roads and bridges and provide funding certainty for long-term planning.

By including a 34 percent increase in funding over current investment levels, this bill would help states and localities address backlogs in maintenance, make investments in freight corridors and improve safety and congestion. At the same time, improvements to project streamlining and innovative financing programs will help state Departments of Transportation work more efficiently over the subsequent years of authorization.

The members of the TCC look forward to working with the EPW committee and other committees of jurisdiction to ensure timely passage of the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2021 well in advance of the expiration of current law September 30.

Sincerely,

The Transportation Construction Coalition

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works