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Dear Senate and House Appropriations Committees Leadership:

Federal investment in infrastructure is critical to sustaining economic growth and safety improvements while the nation deals with the COVID-19 pandemic. The 32 national associations and construction trade unions of the Transportation Construction Coalition (TCC) strongly urge completion of a final fiscal year (FY) 2021 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (THUD) appropriations law before the current continuing resolution ends on Dec. 11. The legislation should include full funding for core highway and public transit programs at authorized levels as well as increased supplemental investments in these programs.

The one-year extension of the FAST Act surface transportation law and additional resources for the Highway Trust Fund, which were attached to the continuing resolution, are critical to continuing important investments in highways, bridges, and public transit systems. State departments of transportation and public transportation agencies cancelled or delayed more than \$12 billion in projects due to pandemic-related factors. Extending these programs at FY 2020 levels provides needed certainty and is crucial to staving off further cuts.

The TCC applauds your efforts to increase federal investment in transportation over the last three years by including a total of \$15.4 billion in additional resources beyond what was previously authorized for highway, public transit, and airport capital programs. This increased investment enabled significant progress towards delivering a transportation system that safely and efficiently moves people and goods across the nation. The TCC appreciates both the House and Senate FY 2021 THUD spending bills that again propose supplemental investments beyond the authorized levels. To continue addressing transportation needs in all states, the TCC urges you to continue increasing investment for these critical programs by providing at least \$2.4 billion in supplemental highway funding, \$700 million in additional public transportation funding, and \$500 million in extra airport funding in the final FY 2021 THUD appropriations agreement. The TCC also supports the \$1 billion for the BUILD grant program included in both the House and Senate bills and urges you to include, at minimum, that funding level in the final legislation.

Thank you for your continued support of federal investment in transportation infrastructure. The TCC looks forward to working with you to advance a final FY 2021 THUD appropriations act through Congress.

Sincerely,

The Transportation Construction Coalition