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Dear Representative:

It is disappointing that in just over one year since the enactment of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act five-year surface transportation program reauthorization, Congress is preparing to vote on a continuing resolution that could delay more than \$1 billion in authorized highway and public transportation investment until at least seven months into FY 2017.

In addition to authorizing modest surface transportation investment increases, the FAST Act ensures the Highway Trust Fund has the resources necessary to support those funding levels. Furthermore, the measure earned overwhelming bipartisan support in both chambers. As such, there is no functional reason to delay the highway and public transportation investment levels contained in the House and Senate-proposed FY 2017 transportation appropriation bills. Withholding the new law's full investments would once again create uncertainty for states about the timely delivery of federal highway and public transportation commitments. Delaying these resources unnecessarily also complicates their utilization during the 2017 construction season which will be well underway by the end of next April.

After eight years of trust fund crises and temporary program extensions, the FAST Act was an important step forward to assuring states and the private sector the federal government is a reliable partner in our shared effort to improve the nation's surface transportation network. Failure to allow the FAST Act's resources to be fully utilized for their intended purpose undermines that goal.

We urge you to work to ensure the full FY 2017 FAST Act highway and public transportation investment commitments are fulfilled as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

The Transportation Construction Coalition