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ATM Coalition Applauds Senate Passage of Highway and Transit Bill

Calls on the House to Swiftly Pass Companion Legislation to Create Jobs and Provide Certainty for the Spring and Summer Construction Season

WASHINGTON, DC—Janet F. Kavinsky, Vice President of the Americans for Transportation Mobility Coalition, issued the following statement upon Senate approval of S. 1813, *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)*:

“The Americans for Transportation Mobility (ATM) coalition commends the Senate for passing MAP-21, a multiyear surface transportation authorization that reforms the federal highway, public transportation and safety programs and maintains funding at current service levels.

“Approval of MAP-21 by the Senate is an important first step in the process in getting a multi-year reauthorization of federal highway and transit programs to the president and we strongly encourage the House to move forward with consideration of H.R. 7 as soon as possible.

“We need certainty for the transportation construction sector as the spring and summer construction season gets under way. Given the over 17% unemployment rate in the construction industry, a multi-year reauthorization bill would also ensure continuity for hundreds of thousands of jobs directly supported by the federal programs and mean billions of dollars invested in major multi-year construction projects that facilitate the movement of goods and people around the country. Without the certainty of a multi-year bill, current problems are harder to solve as highway and transit conditions worsen and land, labor and materials get more expensive.

“The ATM Coalition has been working hard to bring together business, labor, highways and transit stakeholders through the “Make Transportation Job #1” campaign this spring in support of an adequately funded multiyear surface transportation bill.”

ABOUT US: *The Americans for Transportation Mobility Coalition is a nationwide effort by business, labor, transportation organizations and concerned citizens to advocate for increased federal investment in the nation’s aging and overburdened transportation system. Visit us at www.fasterbetersafer.org.*