

AASHTO-AGC-ARTBA Joint Committee
Joint Position Statement JPS-4-15
Title: Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization

WHEREAS, the current extension of the authorization legislation for the federal surface transportation programs expires October 29, 2015; and

WHEREAS, federal-aid funding remains critical to state-level capital investment in highways and bridges, averaging 52 percent of that state investment in recent years; and

WHEREAS, continued short-term extensions will continue to result in project delays and cancellations because of the uncertainty in federal-aid funding, resulting in higher costs and delay of improvements affecting safety, efficiency and economic development; and

WHEREAS, some state transportation agencies may delay payments on contracts for transportation improvement projects if the U.S. Department of Transportation delays reimbursements from the Highway Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, uncertainty in Federal investment will interrupt careers and opportunities in transportation infrastructure industries; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Senate passed its version of a six-year reauthorization bill (the “DRIVE” Act) in July with broad bipartisan support; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the AASHTO-AGC-ARTBA Joint Committee and its component associations urge the U.S. House of Representatives to consider and pass a well-funded, six-year surface transportation reauthorization bill as soon as possible, in order to facilitate the process which will result in agreement on and passage of a final version of the bill by each house; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the AASHTO-AGC-ARTBA Joint Committee and its component associations urge the president to sign this legislation expeditiously when it is passed by Congress.