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In December 2015, Congress passed and the President signed into law the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act*, providing five years of increased funding to support highway and transit projects, while including new reforms to enhance program efficiency. **ACEC thanks lawmakers who supported this landmark legislation, and urges Congress to remain focused on adopting long-term, sustainable funding mechanisms to support the nation's transportation needs.**

BACKGROUND

Passage of the FAST Act, a 5-year, \$305 billion reauthorization of highway, transit, and rail programs, was a signature legislative accomplishment in 2015. States and local governments can now move forward with long-stalled projects with the certainty of multi-year federal commitments. The FAST Act also contains numerous program reforms that, if implemented successfully, will reduce regulatory burdens, promote innovation, and foster private sector participation in project delivery.

The new law recognizes the valuable role engineering firms play in working with state and local transportation agencies to deliver transportation projects efficiently and effectively. Section 1443 of the FAST Act urges the Secretary of Transportation to encourage State DOTs to partner with engineering firms "to strengthen project performance, improve domestic competitiveness, and create jobs." Transportation agencies rely on the specialized skills and technical expertise that firms provide to solve complex design challenges in creative ways. They also use local firms to meet tight project deadlines and manage project risks. The FAST Act reinforces the value of those partnerships and encourages greater utilization.

The passage of the FAST Act with broad, bipartisan majorities in both the House (359-65) and Senate (83-16) demonstrates a strong commitment to federal investment in the nation's infrastructure. The remaining challenge is to reach consensus on options for strengthening the long-term fiscal stability of the Highway Trust Fund, which was not addressed in the legislation. The annual gap between Highway Trust Fund revenues and annual expenditures is projected to grow to \$20 billion by 2021.

Alternative fuel vehicles, more efficient cars and trucks, and changing driving patterns will continue to erode a revenue structure that has not been updated in decades. In the meantime, transportation system conditions and performance continue to deteriorate. Discussions and engagement between policymakers, stakeholders, and the public on how to tackle this growing challenge cannot wait until the FAST Act expires.

KEY POINTS

- Transportation infrastructure forms the basis of economic growth. Every dollar invested in highway and transit development generates between \$4-8 in economic output.
- Congress still needs to focus on a long-term, sustainable solution for the Highway Trust Fund. More than \$140 billion has been transferred into the HTF since 2008 because of the failure to address systemic funding shortfalls with real revenue solutions.
- Funding is not keeping pace with system needs. According to AASHTO, annual investment from all levels of government needs to increase from \$88 billion to \$120 billion for roads and bridges and from \$17 billion to \$43 billion in the nation's public transit systems in order to improve conditions and meet the nation's mobility needs.

FAST Act (H.R. 22) Conference Report Vote in the House**YEAS (359)**

Abraham	Carney	DeLauro	Granger	Joyce	Luetkemeyer	Nunes	Roybal-Allard	Tiberi
Adams	Carson (IN)	DelBene	Graves (GA)	Kaptur	Lujan Grisham (NM)	O'Rourke	Royce	Titus
Aderholt	Carter (GA)	Denham	Graves (LA)	Katko	Luján, B.R. (NM)	Olson	Ruiz	Tonko
Allen	Carter (TX)	Dent	Graves (MO)	Keating	Lummis	Palazzo	Rush	Torres
Ashford	Cartwright	DeSaulnier	Grayson	Kelly (IL)	Lynch	Pallone	Russell	Trott
Babin	Castor (FL)	Deutch	Green, Al	Kelly (MS)	MacArthur	Pascrell	Ryan (OH)	Tsongas
Barletta	Castro (TX)	Diaz-Balart	Green, Gene	Kelly (PA)	Maloney, Carolyn	Paulsen	Sánchez, Linda T.	Turner
Barr	Chabot	Dingell	Griffith	Kennedy	Maloney, Sean	Pelosi	Sarbanes	Upton
Barton	Chu, Judy	Doggett	Grijalva	Kildee	Marino	Perlmutter	Scalise	Valadao
Bass	Cicilline	Dold	Guinta	Kilmer	Matsui	Perry	Schakowsky	Van Hollen
Beatty	Clark (MA)	Donovan	Guthrie	Kind	McCarthy	Peters	Schiff	Vargas
Becerra	Clarke (NY)	Doyle, Michael	Gutiérrez	King (IA)	McCaul	Peterson	Schrader	Veasey
Benishkek	Clay	Duckworth	Hahn	King (NY)	McCollum	Pingree	Scott (VA)	Vela
Bera	Cleaver	Duncan (TN)	Hanna	Kinzinger (IL)	McDermott	Pittenger	Scott, Austin	Velázquez
Beyer	Clyburn	Edwards	Hardy	Kirkpatrick	McGovern	Pitts	Scott, David	Visclosky
Bilirakis	Cohen	Ellison	Harper	Kline	McHenry	Pocan	Sensenbrenner	Wagner
Bishop (GA)	Cole	Ellmers (NC)	Hartzler	Knight	McKinley	Poe (TX)	Serrano	Walberg
Bishop (MI)	Collins (GA)	Emmer (MN)	Hastings	Kuster	McMorris Rodgers	Poliquin	Sessions	Walden
Bishop (UT)	Collins (NY)	Engel	Heck (NV)	LaHood	McNerney	Polis	Sewell (AL)	Walorski
Black	Comstock	Eshoo	Heck (WA)	LaMalfa	McSally	Price (NC)	Sherman	Walters, Mimi
Blum	Conaway	Esty	Herrera Beutler	Lance	Meadows	Price, Tom	Shimkus	Walz
Blumenauer	Connolly	Farenthold	Higgins	Langevin	Meehan	Quigley	Shuster	Wasserman Schultz
Bonamici	Conyers	Farr	Hill	Larsen (WA)	Meng	Rangel	Simpson	Waters, Maxine
Bost	Cook	Fattah	Himes	Larson (CT)	Messer	Reed	Sinema	Watson Coleman
Boustany	Cooper	Fincher	Hinojosa	Latta	Mica	Reichert	Sires	Webster (FL)
Boyle, Brendan	Costa	Fitzpatrick	Honda	Lawrence	Miller (MI)	Ribble	Slaughter	Welch
Brady (PA)	Costello (PA)	Fleischmann	Hoyer	Lee	Moolenaar	Rice (NY)	Smith (MO)	Westerman
Brady (TX)	Courtney	Forbes	Huffman	Levin	Mooney (WV)	Rice (SC)	Smith (NE)	Westmoreland
Brooks (IN)	Cramer	Fortenberry	Hultgren	Lewis	Moore	Richmond	Smith (NJ)	Whitfield
Brown (FL)	Crawford	Foster	Hunter	Lieu, Ted	Moulton	Rigell	Smith (WA)	Wilson (FL)
Brownley (CA)	Crenshaw	Frankel (FL)	Hurd (TX)	Lipinski	Mullin	Roby	Speier	Wittman
Buchanan	Crowley	Frelinghuysen	Israel	LoBiondo	Murphy (FL)	Roe (TN)	Stefanik	Womack
Bucshon	Cummings	Fudge	Jackson Lee	Loeb sack	Murphy (PA)	Rogers (AL)	Stivers	Woodall
Bustos	Curbelo (FL)	Gabbard	Jeffries	Lofgren	Nadler	Rogers (KY)	Stutzman	Yarmuth
Butterfield	Davis (CA)	Gallego	Jenkins (KS)	Long	Napolitano	Rokita	Swalwell (CA)	Young (AK)
Byrne	Davis, Danny	Garamendi	Jenkins (WV)	Loudermilk	Neal	Rooney (FL)	Takano	Young (IA)
Calvert	Davis, Rodney	Gibbs	Johnson (GA)	Love	Newhouse	Ros-Lehtinen	Thompson (CA)	Young (IN)
Capps	DeFazio	Gibson	Johnson (OH)	Lowenthal	Noem	Ross	Thompson (MS)	Zeldin
Capuano	DeGette	Goodlatte	Johnson, E. B.	Lowey	Nolan	Rothfus	Thompson (PA)	Zinke
Cárdenas	Delaney	Graham	Jolly	Lucas	Norcross	Rouzer	Thornberry	

NAYS (65)

Amash	Coffman	Garrett	Huelskamp	McClintock	Renacci	Weber (TX)
Amodei	Culberson	Gohmert	Huizenga (MI)	Miller (FL)	Rohrabacher	Wenstrup
Blackburn	DeSantis	Gosar	Hurt (VA)	Mulvaney	Roskam	Wilson (SC)
Brat	Desjarlais	Gowdy	Issa	Neugebauer	Salmon	Yoder
Bridenstine	Duffy	Grothman	Jones	Nugent	Sanford	Yoho
Brooks (AL)	Duncan (SC)	Harris	Jordan	Palmer	Schweikert	
Buck	Fleming	Hensarling	Labrador	Pearce	Smith (TX)	
Burgess	Flores	Hice, Jody B.	Lamborn	Pompeo	Stewart	
Chaffetz	Foxx	Holding	Marchant	Posey	Tipton	
Clawson (FL)	Franks (AZ)	Hudson	Massie	Ratcliffe	Walker	

Not Voting (9)

Aguilar	Cuellar	Johnson, Sam	Meeks	Payne	Ruppersberger	Sanchez, Loretta	Takai	Williams
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FAST Act (H.R. 22) Conference Report Vote in the Senate**YEAS (83)**

Alexander (R-TN)	Brown (D-OH)	Coons (D-DE)	Gardner (R-CO)	Inhofe (R-OK)	McCain (R-AZ)	Nelson (D-FL)	Shaheen (D-NH)	Whitehouse (D-RI)
Ayotte (R-NH)	Burr (R-NC)	Cornyn (R-TX)	Gillibrand (D-NY)	Isakson (R-GA)	McCaskill (D-MO)	Peters (D-MI)	Stabenow (D-MI)	Wicker (R-MS)
Baldwin (D-WI)	Cantwell (D-WA)	Daines (R-MT)	Graham (R-SC)	Johnson (R-WI)	McConnell (R-KY)	Portman (R-OH)	Sullivan (R-AK)	Wyden (D-OR)
Barrasso (R-WY)	Capito (R-WV)	Donnelly (D-IN)	Grassley (R-IA)	Kaine (D-VA)	Menendez (D-NJ)	Reed (D-RI)	Tester (D-MT)	
Bennet (D-CO)	Cardin (D-MD)	Durbin (D-IL)	Hatch (R-UT)	King (I-ME)	Merkley (D-OR)	Reid (D-NV)	Thune (R-SD)	
Blumenthal (D-CT)	Casey (D-PA)	Enzi (R-WY)	Heinrich (D-NM)	Kirk (R-IL)	Mikulski (D-MD)	Roberts (R-KS)	Tillis (R-NC)	
Blunt (R-MO)	Cassidy (R-LA)	Ernst (R-IA)	Heitkamp (D-ND)	Klobuchar (D-MN)	Moran (R-KS)	Rounds (R-SD)	Toomey (R-PA)	
Booker (D-NJ)	Coats (R-IN)	Feinstein (D-CA)	Heller (R-NV)	Leahy (D-VT)	Murkowski (R-AK)	Schatz (D-HI)	Udall (D-NM)	
Boozman (R-AR)	Cochran (R-MS)	Fischer (R-NE)	Hirono (D-HI)	Manchin (D-WV)	Murphy (D-CT)	Schumer (D-NY)	Vitter (R-LA)	
Boxer (D-CA)	Collins (R-ME)	Franken (D-MN)	Hoeven (R-ND)	Markey (D-MA)	Murray (D-WA)	Sessions (R-AL)	Warner (D-VA)	

NAYS (16)

Carper (D-DE)	Cotton (R-AR)	Cruz (R-TX)	Lankford (R-OK)	Paul (R-KY)	Risch (R-ID)	Sasse (R-NE)	Shelby (R-AL)
Corker (R-TN)	Crapo (R-ID)	Flake (R-AZ)	Lee (R-UT)	Perdue (R-GA)	Rubio (R-FL)	Scott (R-SC)	Warren (D-MA)

Not Voting (1)

Sanders (I-VT)