



**Washington, D.C., February 13, 2018** – Yesterday, the Highway Materials Group (HMG) welcomed President Trump’s proposal to invest \$1.5 trillion in America’s infrastructure. The group views the plan as a strong starting point in on-going discussions for much needed investment, but noted details were still too few.

“The plan needs a reliable pay-for that provides certainty for projects and shores up the Highway Trust Fund,” said Jerry Voigt, President and CEO of the American Concrete Pavement Association. “HMG supports a variety of options such as fuel tax increases, vehicle miles traveled and highway freight fees, to name a few. All options should be on the table. We need infrastructure investment now.”

While the group isn’t opposed to privatization playing a role in investment, the group noted that it shouldn’t be the entire story and supports Congress pulling from many competing proposals to return to the certainty once brought from routine authorizations and appropriations bills.

“The administration’s proposal is an important first step toward an infrastructure package that provides much-needed increased investment for our nation’s highways and bridges. In the next few weeks, we are hoping that Congress seriously considers raising gas and diesel taxes and other practical funding mechanisms that offer real solutions which will directly benefit American roadway users,” said Roger A. Wentz, President and CEO of the American Traffic Safety Services Association. “HMG is eager to work with Congress and the Trump Administration to develop legislation that includes solutions for the long-term solvency challenges of the Highway Trust Fund.”

Recent polls demonstrate that 84 percent of Americans want to see a significant investment and improvement to their roads, highways and bridges. Seventy-six percent of people think that funding for infrastructure should come from a combination of federal funds, bonds and public-private partnerships.

HMG encourages Congress to quickly pass bipartisan legislation that shores up the HTF and improves our country’s communities, commutes and economy.

The HMG is comprised of ten national associations representing companies that provide construction materials and equipment essential to building America’s roads, highways, and bridges. Visit [www.highwaymaterialsgroup.org](http://www.highwaymaterialsgroup.org) for more information.

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