



Statement on Shuster Infrastructure Discussion Draft

The 11 national organizations of the Highway Materials Group (HMG) commend Chairman Bill Shuster, R-Pa., on his infrastructure discussion draft. Specifically, we applaud the draft's focus on ensuring the short-term solvency of the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) and its emphasis on looking for ways to make the HTF solvent for the long term. We strongly support the chairman's call for increases to the motor fuels user fees and call on Congress to make this a reality. Without increases to user fees, the viability of the federal-aid highway program is in jeopardy.

Additionally, HMG strongly supports the draft's language on expediting project delivery. The American public expects infrastructure projects to be completed on-time and on-budget. As policymakers and infrastructure industry leaders, we should exceed those expectations and this discussion draft will help achieve results that will benefit road users.

We urge the committee to ensure that roadway safety programs are robustly funded in any legislative vehicle that emerges from this discussion draft.

Again, HMG praises and supports Chairman Shuster's infrastructure discussion draft. Although not a final product, this document furthers the infrastructure and transportation funding conversation. We look forward to working with congressional leaders and the appropriate committees to enact this draft into law.

About HMG

The Highway Materials Group is comprised of 11 national associations that represent companies that provide the construction materials and equipment essential to building America's roads, highways and bridges. We employ tens of thousands of men and women in well-paying American jobs, and we strongly support increased investment in America's surface transportation network. For more information, visit www.highwaymaterialsgroup.org.

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