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NACo: Administration is showing leadership to produce long-term transportation bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. – National Association of Counties (NACo) President Linda Langston, Supervisor, Linn County, Iowa, provided the following statement in response to the Administration’s federal surface transportation reauthorization bill, the GROW AMERICA Act:

“On behalf of America’s county governments, we thank the Obama administration, especially Secretary Anthony Foxx, for offering a detailed, multi-year federal surface transportation reauthorization bill. With counties owning 45 percent of the nation’s roads and 39 percent of bridges, we know first-hand the mounting costs for building and maintaining our nation’s transportation infrastructure. At the local level, we need a strong federal partner. We’re pleased the administration’s bill focuses on increasing federal investments, while also providing new resources and incentives for local governments. With the pending insolvency of the federal Highway Trust Fund and expiration of MAP-21, we’re encouraged by the renewed attention by the administration and key transportation leaders in Congress.”

NACo strongly urges Congress to work expeditiously to fix the Highway Trust Fund and pass a long-term reauthorization bill that supports increased federal funding for local areas of all sizes.

For more information on surface transportation reauthorization, click HERE. Click HERE to access NACo’s priorities for MAP-21 reauthorization. To view NACo’s report, “The Road Ahead: County Transportation Funding and Financing, click HERE.

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