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NACo issues statement on Senate highway reauthorization bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. – National Association of Counties (NACo) President Linda Langston, Supervisor, Linn County, Iowa, provided the following statement in response to the Senate’s highway reauthorization bill, the MAP-21 Reauthorization Act:

“On behalf of America’s county governments, we commend Senators Barbara Boxer, David Vitter, Tom Carper and John Barrasso for their leadership and efforts to provide long-term certainty for the nation’s transportation system.

“As the owners of 45 percent of the nation’s roads and 39 percent of the nation’s bridges, counties support providing a six-year bill that increases funding and flexibility to locally-owned roads and bridges.

“We’re pleased that the Senate’s highway bill is a step in the right direction. It recognizes the critical role local roads and bridges play in the movement of freight as well as the nation’s domestic energy and agriculture production.”

NACo strongly urges Congress to build on the work of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee by addressing the Highway Trust Fund’s growing insolvency and completing work on a long-term reauthorization of the nation’s surface transportation programs. In addition, NACo asks Congress to support county infrastructure by increasing the sub-allocation of Surface Transportation Program dollars to local areas and providing additional dollars for locally owned bridges.

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