

COMMUNICATION TO THE CONFERENCE ON THE REAUTHORIZATION OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
National Asphalt Pavement Association
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
American Automobile Association
The Associated General Contractors of America
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
American Road & Transportation Builders Association
Laborers' International Union of North America
American Public Transportation Association
American Highway Users Alliance

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Dear Conferees:

The unemployment numbers that were released this past Friday are even more evidence that the Congress needs to act **now** to pass mutually acceptable surface transportation legislation.

While the overall unemployment numbers at 8.3 percent are chilling, the construction industry numbers are much worse at 14.2 percent and showing further job losses. I need not remind you that these are high paying American jobs.

We are deeply concerned about reports that suggest that progress is not being made in conference negotiations that will lead to completion of work by June 30th. We urge that serious action be taken immediately and we are prepared to work with all parties to reach a successful outcome.

Sincerely,



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