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ATM Coalition Statement on House Surface Transportation Legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Americans for Transportation Mobility Coalition (ATM) today applauded the significant progress made in the House on components of multi-year surface reauthorization legislation.

“Investment in transportation has proven to grow jobs – the need for Congress to act on transportation infrastructure is clear,” said Janet Kavinoky, vice president, Americans for Transportation Mobility Coalition. “Passing transportation reauthorization legislation is a specific action Congress and the administration can take right now to support job growth and economic productivity without adding to the deficit.”

The ATM Coalition applauds Chairman John Mica and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for reporting the core surface transportation bill, H.R. 7. ATM strongly supports this bill, which would establish performance management and accountability measures, takes action to speed up project delivery, and ensures that costs are minimized and benefits are maximized.

However, the ATM Coalition has significant concerns with provisions of H.R. 3864, the “American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Financing Act of 2012,” which the Committee on Ways and Means advanced today, that would eliminate the dedicated user fee funding of public transportation. The ATM Coalition believes Congress should maintain the dedicated revenues for transportation funding.

The ATM Coalition looks forward to working with the House and Senate to complete work on strong, multiyear surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The Americans for Transportation Mobility Coalition (ATM), representing businesses, labor, highway and transit interests that advocate for improved and increased federal investment in the nation’s aging and overburdened transportation system.

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