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Americans for Transportation Mobility Criticizes Congress for Punting on Appropriations

WASHINGTON, D.C. —The Americans for Transportation Mobility (ATM) today issued the following statement:

“The ATM coalition is deeply disappointed that Congress has not passed in regular order the Fiscal Year 2013 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations legislation.

“Investment in transportation has proven to grow jobs. Congress is missing a key opportunity to fully fund the transportation programs authorized in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act signed into law on July 6, 2012.

“Settling for partial year funding below what current law authorizes for the entirety of FY 2013 threatens to undercut the promise of funding predictability established by the passage of MAP-21. Reintroducing uncertainty could destabilize nascent transportation development activity in many states at a time when unemployment rates remain high in the construction sector in particular.

“The ATM Coalition calls on Congress to complete FY 2013 transportation appropriations, fully funding the highway, transit and safety programs included in MAP-21, as soon as possible and to ensure that 100 percent of the total amounts authorized in MAP-21 is appropriated for FY 2013.”

***ABOUT US:** The Americans for Transportation Mobility Coalition is a nationwide group representing business, labor, highway and public transportation interests and concerned citizens that advocate for improved and increased investment in the nation’s aging and overburdened highway and public transportation system. For more information, please visit us at: www.fasterbetersafer.org.*

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