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The Honorable Harry M. Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Messrs. Reid, McConnell, Boehner and Pelosi:

The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), representing regional planning organizations and their local elected officials, urges you to pass a clean, long-term extension of current federal-aid surface transportation programs (highways and transit) through the remainder of the 2011 fiscal year. This will sustain transportation investments, create and maintain jobs, and provide stability to state and local governments, workers and industry. This extension is needed to allow time for the formation of a sustainable, multi-year surface transportation authorization bill, and to ensure reliability in transportation planning and programming.

We look forward to working closely with you on legislation that authorizes and funds infrastructure investments to ensure a path of economic prosperity and opportunity for our local communities and regions. Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information at 202.986.1032, x216 or fred@narc.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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