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The Honorable Sam Graves  
Chair, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

The Honorable Rick Larsen  
Ranking Member, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

The Honorable David Rouzer  
Chair, House Highways and Transit Subcommittee  
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton  
Ranking Member House Highways and Transit Subcommittee  
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Dear Chairman Graves, Ranking Member Larsen, Subcommittee Chair Rouzer, and Subcommittee Ranking Member Holmes Norton:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit ideas for surface transportation reauthorization legislation to follow the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act set to expire September 30, 2026. The American Public Works Association (APWA) represents 32,000 public works professionals across North America who serve in both the public and private sectors providing expertise at the local, state and federal government levels. APWA is the only association representing all facets of public works. Our members are responsible for planning, designing, building, operating, and maintaining, America's vast infrastructure network that is so fundamental to our economy, environment, public health, and safety.

In addition to submitting APWA's ideas into the Highways and Transit Subcommittee's stakeholder portal, please find included with this letter a copy of APWA's 119<sup>th</sup> Congress Public Policy Priorities for Transportation. APWA's primary areas of focus for surface transportation reauthorization are:

- Continued support for a bipartisan commitment and partnership among the local, state, and federal levels of government successfully demonstrated through the IIJA. It is imperative this federal commitment continues,

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Dominick A. Longobardi

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and Congress seek consistent, predictable and adequate long-term infrastructure investment to at least match that of the IIJA.

- Safety is a key pillar of APWA's transportation reauthorization priorities and our members are committed to ensuring safety related transportation programs are strongly supported to continue decreasing the deaths and injuries that happen far too often on our nation's transportation network.
- Public works professionals play a critical role in safeguarding our communities, and weather events, cybersecurity vulnerabilities, or manmade disasters disrupt our transportation networks and endanger our communities. Therefore, it is essential the next surface transportation bill provides robust support and funding to continue building upon the success and increased resiliency of our transportation systems.
- Continue the bipartisan success of recent years in responsibly streamlining regulatory requirements and permitting processes that seek to protect our environment and support the economic strength and public health of our communities. It is especially important that small, rural, and historically disadvantaged areas have direct access to technical experts and can leverage resources to assist in these processes.
- Finally, continued strong support for a public works workforce so essential to building, operating, and maintaining our entire transportation network. APWA is a leader in public works education and credentialing programs to keep these professionals well-trained and on the cutting-edge of their roles and responsibilities which best support our nation's infrastructure needs, economy, and quality of life.

Please consider APWA a committed partner and call upon us and our members to provide the real-world expertise needed to draft, pass, and implement the next surface transportation bill that will continue moving our country forward in a positive direction. For more information, contact Andrea Eales, APWA's Director of Government and Public Affairs at [aeales@apwa.org](mailto:aeales@apwa.org) or 202-218-6730.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dominick A. Longobardi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "L".

Dominick A. Longobardi  
APWA President

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Scott D. Grayson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" and "G".

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