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WHY STATE DOT'S NEED A \$50 BILLION FEDERAL REVENUE BACKSTOP

During this past month American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) requested Congress to provide immediate revenue backstop in the amount of \$49.95 billion for state DOT's in order to prevent major disruptions and to maintain and operate their transportation systems during this national pandemic emergency. State DOT's show a preliminary estimate of a 30% decline on average for the next 18 months. Recent traffic data shows that personal travel has declined about 50% nationwide since the stay-at-home orders were in place. For the state DOT's that were surveyed in early April 2020, many of them (39%) said that the support is needed now not in a few weeks or months. Both the state DOT workforce and the

private sector are trying to prevent cancellations, delays of projects as well as job losses. This crucial federal revenue backstop will be a tremendous part of that.

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Sincerely,

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