



Modernize America's Infrastructure Network

Our nation's transportation infrastructure—made up of roads, highways, bridges, rail, waterways, airports, ports, broadband, and pipelines—connects people and places, moves goods, drives our economy, and impacts our quality of life and safety. Investment is currently only one-third of what it was in 1960. America's infrastructure is aging and in dire need of modernization.

The American Society of Civil Engineers, in its latest Infrastructure Report Card, graded the condition of our nation's infrastructure as a D-plus overall. The report also estimated that government needs to invest \$2 trillion over current spending levels for the next 10 years to modernize the system. We need a smooth flowing, efficient multi-modal national transportation network that will support the needs of U.S. manufacturers from our factories to our customers and to main street retailers. Roadway congestion alone costs an additional 23 cents per mile to transport our goods.

Metalcasters play a critical role in our nation's infrastructure network. Metal castings are a vital building block for key components used in construction equipment, tractors and trucks, oil and gas pipelines, water works, buildings, railroads, and so much more. In fact, over 40% of all metal castings are dedicated to infrastructure. America has a world-class economy and we should have world-class infrastructure to match. Few investments would have a greater positive impact on our economy than infrastructure. It is far past time to bring America's aging infrastructure system into the 21st century.

MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

The American Foundry Society (AFS) urges our leaders in Washington to work in a bipartisan manner to pass a comprehensive infrastructure package with innovative funding. This includes:

- **Issuing Tax-Exempt Bonds** (similar to Move America Bonds (S.146) or Build America Bonds)—These bonds provide state and local governments, as well as pri-

vate-sector purchasers with tax credits to attract non-federal investment to help grow and repair America's aging infrastructure.

- **Establishing a National Infrastructure Bank** (initially capitalized by a federal investment)—This bank would offer long-term, low-interest loans to finance projects that are larger than \$100 million, achieve goals of regional or national importance, and are backed by an identified revenue stream that repays the loan.
- **Addressing the Urgent Shortage of Truck Drivers by supporting the DRIVE-Safe Act (S.569 / H.R. 1374)** which enhances safety and training standards for newly qualified and current drivers by offering younger drivers (18-21) with the opportunity to enter the industry safely by creating a two-step apprenticeship program. Trucks move 70% of all freight in the United States and without drivers to move that freight, prices and wait times are increasing for manufacturers and consumers.
- **Streamlining the Permitting Process at the Federal, State, & Local Level**—It takes on average five years to complete an environmental impact statement, a federal requirement for many projects. Permitting reform should include codifying the "One Federal Decision" approach so there is a single agency responsible for shepherding a project through the approval process and merge sequential and duplicative federal environmental reviews.
- **Ensuring the Use of American-Made Materials**—Require that the iron, steel, non-ferrous metals, and manufactured products used to rebuild the nation's infrastructure is produced domestically, including metal castings. Specifically, extend the Buy America provisions to all federal infrastructure programs.

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Message To Congress

Urge your Senators to co-sponsor and support passage of the DRIVE-Safe Act (S.569). Thank the following Senators for co-sponsoring:

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