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The STRR Act Refocuses on National Priorities, Like Freight & Regional Projects

Facilitating interstate commerce and ensuring an efficient, interconnected national transportation system are two critical functions of the federal surface transportation programs.

While the entire transportation network is involved in moving goods, about half of all U.S. freight, by weight, travels less than 100 miles between origin and destination. And at this distance, trucks carry almost 85 percent of all freight. Efficient freight transportation is so economically important, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee convened a Special Panel on Freight Transportation last year to develop recommendations to include in legislation, including the surface transportation bill.

Furthermore, while states must have the flexibility to address their own transportation needs, the federal surface transportation programs are able to help states build projects that they otherwise could not fund themselves, or that involve complex coordination with additional states.

The Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015 (the STRR Act) refocuses our surface transportation programs on moving freight and regionally important infrastructure improvements.

- The STRR Act utilizes existing funding to establish a Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects Program. This program provides \$4.5 billion over six years for infrastructure improvements that will help our economy grow and drive job creation.
 - » For the first time, dedicated funding is provided specifically for freight projects.
 - » A competitive grant process will ensure the best projects move forward.
- The STRR Act provides flexibility for states to invest in the Nation's bridges by expanding funding available for bridges off the National Highway System.
- The STRR Act eliminates or consolidates at least six separate, duplicative Department of Transportation offices, and establishes a National Surface Transportation and Innovative Finance Bureau to help state, local, and private sector partners get projects moving.

