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Administration Declares Support for New Bill

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood this week outlined the Administration's views on proposed surface transportation legislation in a letter (bit.ly/USDOTletter051812) sent to conferees.

"The Administration supports a long-term surface transportation bill that creates jobs, strengthens safety, spurs economic growth, and provides States and transportation agencies with the certainty they need to plan and execute projects essential to improving the Nation's roads, bridges, railways, transit systems, and intermodal connections," said LaHood in the letter.

The letter describes the Administration's strong support for many of the pieces of MAP-21, the \$109 billion two-year surface transportation bill approved by the Senate in March. It also describes the Administration's support for continuing TIGER grant programs, high-speed rail programs, and expansion of TIFIA.

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