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Passage of Carper-Corker-Boxer Amendment Forces Debate on Long-Term Transportation Bill

Washington, D.C. – Edward Wytkind, President of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD), of which TCU is a member, issues the following statement in reaction to the Senate’s passage of the Wyden-Hatch and Carper-Corker-Boxer Amendments to HR 5021:

“We are pleased that the Senate has voted to ensure the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund while also embracing the correct strategy to force a debate this year about funding a long-term surface transportation bill. After decades of neglect, America’s transportation infrastructure and the people who depend on it need those in Washington to find the courage to pass a serious funding plan. The time is now – not in May, not next year, not years from now – for Congress to stop holding the economy hostage. We thank Senators Boxer and Carper for their strong leadership and urge the House to follow suit.”

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