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The House Cannot Afford to Put Off Transportation Funding

Washington, D.C. – Edward Wytkind, president of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD) issues the following statement about the House vote on the Senate version of HR 5021:

“Last night, the Senate overwhelmingly voted to ensure the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund in the short-term and allow for consideration this year of a long-term bill that puts Americans to work rebuilding and operating our surface transportation system. We urge the House of Representatives to follow suit and pass the Senate bill.

“By passing both the Carper-Corker-Boxer and Wyden-Hatch amendments, the Senate sent a clear message that bipartisan compromise is possible and that we can afford to ignore neither the mounting needs of our transit systems, roads, and bridges nor the millions of jobs at stake. Putting off addressing these difficult financing questions until next year or beyond simply makes no sense, especially since the Senate’s bill already provides a reasonable path forward. We urge the House not to waste this opportunity, and to take advantage of the bipartisan momentum created in the Senate.”

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