

ITE Position on Federal Funding for Surface Transportation

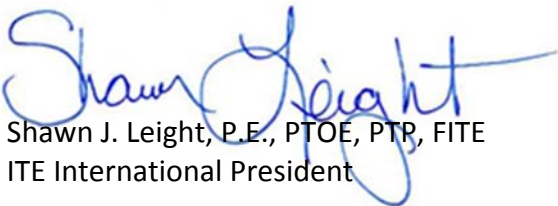
There is significant discussion in Washington, DC around a major influx of federal funding for infrastructure, including surface transportation investments. There are many different dimensions to this discussion—a greatly anticipated \$1 trillion proposal from the Trump Administration, the prospect of major tax reform legislation from Congress that could include infrastructure investment, and, most recently the President expressing a willingness to consider increasing the federal gasoline tax. While all of these ideas and proposals are in a formative stage—with much uncertainty with regard to their specifics, timing, prospects for enactment, etc.—it is important that ITE’s voice be heard with regard to the need for sustainable infrastructure funding.

ITE’s policies call for “...a predictable, dependable, and adequate source of transportation funding for all modes that achieves a proper balance between capital and operations/maintenance programs for transportation facilities...” (www.ite.org)

The ITE Advocacy Committee, chaired by Karen Aspelin and Jason DeGray has identified the need for ITE to join other leading transportation associations in championing a permanent solution to the persistent revenue shortfalls in the Highway Trust Fund. When Congress funded the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST) in 2015, it transferred \$70 billion to the trust fund to cover the projected gap between dedicated annual excise tax receipts and the FAST Act's authorized funding levels. This trust fund infusion will be exhausted by the time the FAST Act expires in 2020 leaving the Highway Trust Fund unable to support existing levels of surface transportation investment.

I am asking ITE members to contact your representatives in Congress and relay two things to them: 1) Express to them how important the Highway Trust Fund is to the safe, efficient movement of people and goods in our country and 2) Encourage them to support a permanent fix to the persistent revenue shortfalls in the Highway Trust Fund as part of any infrastructure funding proposal being considered. You can find contact information for your congressional representatives at www.house.gov and www.senate.gov.

ITE will continue to monitor legislative activity in Washington, keep you informed of the latest developments, and identify additional opportunities for ITE members to educate and engage Congressional members.



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