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Dear Republican Colleagues:

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure will soon begin the process of passing a long-term reauthorization of surface transportation programs later this spring. This letter outlines several opportunities for additional Member engagement in the development of this important legislation.

#### Policy Priorities

The Ranking Member of the Committee invites Republican Member feedback as we begin the surface reauthorization process. Members' surface transportation policy priorities must be submitted via letter to the Committee and must be received via email to Nick Christensen, Republican Director of Member Services, at [T&IRepPolicyRequests@mail.house.gov](mailto:T&IRepPolicyRequests@mail.house.gov) no later than April 14, 2021.

#### Member Day Hearing

The Committee will hold a Member Day hearing again this Congress. This hearing will be held on **April 14, 2021, at 11 a.m. EDT** to receive Member testimony on surface transportation authorization legislation and related priorities. Additional information on how to participate in Member Day will be provided in a future communication from the Committee.

#### Projects

The Committee will provide an opportunity for Members to submit requests for highway and transit project designations in compliance with Republican Conference Rules. **The formal process to submit project requests, including detailed information on how to submit projects and the documentation required, will be announced prior to the submission deadline.** However, to provide Member offices as much time as possible to evaluate potential project ideas, we are releasing key information through this letter in advance of a formal rollout. Committee Republicans strongly encourage Members to begin gathering this information now, as we anticipate the window to submit project requests will be relatively short.

In addition to basic project information, Committee Republicans will require all project submissions to be publicly disclosed at the time the request is made and include the following details and relevant documents for each project requested:

- Documentation that the project is on the State, Tribal, or territorial transportation improvement program (STIP); and on the metropolitan transportation improvement program (TIP), if applicable.
- Sources of funding for the full share of the cost of the project beyond the amount requested.
- Letter(s) of support from the State department of transportation or local government, transit agency, or other non-Federal sponsor.
- A description of the process that has been or will be followed to provide an opportunity for public comment on the project.
- Project phase (e.g. Planning, Final Design, Construction).
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) category of action (e.g. Categorical Exclusion, Environmental Assessment, Environmental Impact Statement).
- Status of environmental review.
- Whether the project has received previous Federal funding, and if so, the source(s) and amount(s).
- A written justification for why the project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds signed by the requesting Member.
- Certification that the Member, their spouse, and other immediate family members do not have a financial interest in the request in accordance with House Rule XXIII.

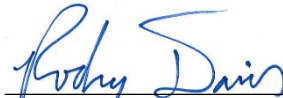
Committee Republicans strongly encourage Member offices to engage with your State departments of transportation, regional transportation and metropolitan planning organizations, transit agencies, and other local transportation agencies to get an understanding of eligible projects and the priorities of the transportation agencies in your districts and States, based on the above parameters.

I am certain you will have questions as you start to formulate your policy and project priorities. In addition to the detailed written instructions and guidelines that Committee Republicans will release prior to the submission deadline, we also intend to hold at least one virtual briefing and Q&A session to facilitate this process. In the meantime, please direct any questions to Republican Committee staff by emailing [Nick.Christensen@mail.house.gov](mailto:Nick.Christensen@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



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