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United States Congress Passes Infrastructure and Surface Transportation Reauthorization Legislation

The United States Congress has passed its bipartisan infrastructure bill that provides $550 billion in new infrastructure spending on surface transportation, broadband, water, and energy infrastructure. The “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act” (HR 3684) also includes provisions for a full five-year surface transportation reauthorization of federal surface transportation safety programs from 2022-2026. This legislative action represents the culmination of years of legislative work to identify and respond to priorities in the coming years.

The bill:

- Extends FY 2021 enacted levels through FY 2022 for federal-aid highway, transit and safety programs;
- Reauthorizes for FY 2023-2026 surface transportation programs including the federal-aid highway program transit programs, highway safety, motor carrier safety, and rail programs;
- Addresses climate change, including strategies to reduce the impacts of the surface transportation system and a vulnerability assessment to identify opportunities to enhance the resilience of the system and ensure efficient use of federal resources;
- Implements new safety requirements across all transportation modes; and
- Directs DOT to establish a pilot program to demonstrate a national motor vehicle per-mile user fee to restore the long-term solvency of the Highway Trust Fund.

AAMVA has developed a detailed section-by-section analysis of the bill identifying areas of the highest importance to the AAMVA community. The analysis is available for AAMVA members upon log in here. The analysis provides both detailed language and an executive summary detailing the provisions most impactful to the motor vehicle community.

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