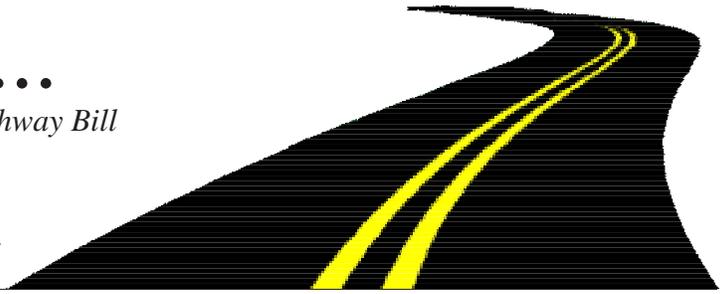


On The Horizon...

An Update About Reauthorization Of The Federal Highway Bill

From

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South Dakota Needs A Fully-Funded Highway Bill—And Soon!

Taking Stock of the Nation's Transportation Infrastructure Needs

- 38 percent of major roads are in poor or fair condition
- 28 percent of bridges are structurally deficient and unsafe
- 25 percent of city buses are past their useful lives
- 5.7 billion gallons of fuel are wasted while motorists sit in traffic
- Traffic congestion costs taxpayers more than \$69.5 billion a year in lost time and productivity

The Consequences of Delay

- Facing budget shortfalls for the third straight year, the majority of states cut their transportation spending by \$4.3 billion
- Failure to pass a long term bill last year has already cost states \$2.1 billion in project delays and 90,000 lost jobs

Without Passage of Transportation Legislation, Americans Face...

- Reduced work opportunities for construction workers, contractors, and consulting engineers
- Reduced sales and leases of construction equipment
- Postponement of needed long term transportation projects

Timely Passage of Transportation Legislation Will...

- Create more than 650,000 new jobs nationwide
- Ease states' budgeting burdens
- Improve our nation's highways, transit, and infrastructure

* Figures from September 2003 report by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)

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