Statement of the Highway Materials Group (HMG) as the deadline nears on highway funding reauthorization:

The Highway Materials Group applauds the efforts by all Senators – notably Majority Leader McConnell, Chairman Inhofe and Ranking Member Boxer and their staffs -- in support of a long term reauthorization bill that increases funding for the nation’s highways and transit systems.

We fully support final Senate passage this week and urge a YES vote on the bipartisan, multi-year Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act which offers great hope to the modernization of our nation’s infrastructure.

We urge House Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Shuster and House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Ryan to utilize the hours of hearings, site visits and stakeholder input they have held and bring together their Committees soon after the August recess to produce a multiyear, fully-funded bill that warrants House support.

Most importantly, before departing for the August recess, we urge House and Senate leadership to unequivocally state their commitment to send to the President a well-funded, multiyear highway bill by the end of October.

The Highway Materials Group (HMG), comprised of nine national associations listed below, represent companies that provide the construction materials and equipment essential to building America’s roads, highways, and bridges. We employ tens of thousands of men and women in well-paying American jobs, and we stand in support of this important legislative action.

American Coal Ash Association   National Asphalt Pavement Association
American Concrete Pavement Association  National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
Associated Equipment Distributors  Portland Cement Association
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute  CRSI

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