



# Briefing Notice

## The "Bottom Line" on Investment Needs For Our Transportation System

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

4:00 – 5:00 PM

334 Cannon House Office Building

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The Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) and the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), in conjunction with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), invite you to a briefing on the investment requirements for America's multi-modal transportation infrastructure.

The recent AASHTO-APTA *Bottom Line* report estimates that \$163 billion is needed annually over six years to fix the nation's aging surface transportation system (\$120 billion for roads and bridges, and \$43 billion for transit). At present, public investment in transportation infrastructure is only \$100 billion a year (\$83 billion for roads and bridges, and \$17 billion for transit). With the looming May expiration of the transportation bill, *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century* (MAP-21), and with 70 million new U.S. citizens expected by 2050, now is the time to address these investment needs. Speakers for this forum are:

- **Bud Wright**, Executive Director, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)
- **Michael Melaniphy**, President & CEO, American Public Transportation Association (APTA)

There is little disagreement over the importance of the nation's transportation infrastructure. And yet, the *Bottom Line* report highlights a massive gap between what investments are needed and what is actually being spent. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, two-thirds of the nation's roads are not in good condition—and deficient roadways are a significant factor in one-third of all highway fatalities. One quarter of U.S. bridges need major repairs or upgrades.

Lack of capacity is also a big problem. Almost half of all Americans lack access to public transit services. Congested roads cause Americans to lose 5.5 billion hours in traffic every year, representing more than \$120 billion in wasted fuel and lost time. Congestion, most severe in urban areas, also increases the cost of delivering goods by \$27 billion year and causes shipping delays. As the nation's population grows, this cost will grow quickly if the country continues to underfund investment in transportation infrastructure.

Finding long-term, consistent revenue streams to invest in the country's transportation infrastructure is key to America's competitiveness, economic growth, and job creation.

The *Bottom Line* Report is available at <http://www.apta.com/mediacenter/pressreleases/2014/Pages/1412.aspx> and <http://bottomline.transportation.org>.

**This event is free and open to the public.**

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