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**Statement by CMAA President Bruce D'Agostino
on Transportation Authorization Act of 2009**

On behalf of more than 5,300 members, the Construction Management Association of America supports the Transportation Authorization Act of 2009, introduced last week by Chairman James L. Oberstar and Ranking Minority Member John L. Mica of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

CMAA also concurs with these congressional leaders that this legislation should be considered and enacted at the earliest possible time; a delay of 18 months, as proposed by the Secretary of Transportation, would be inappropriate and unwise. In the interest of both short term economic recovery and America's long term prosperity, we must move to develop a comprehensive national transportation policy and place our transportation investments on the soundest possible financial basis.

One of the goals of this legislation is "to improve the project delivery process by eliminating duplication in documentation and procedures." Another is "to facilitate private investment in the national transportation system that furthers the public interest." The legislation creates Offices of Expedited Project Delivery within the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration, mandated to "improve the project delivery process" and "to expedite the development of projects through the environmental review process, design and construction."

Not only does CMAA endorse these goals, but they constitute the fundamental mission of our association and our membership. CM/PM is project delivery system neutral, i.e., it delivers value whether a project is being executed in the traditional Design-Bid-Build system or via Design-Build or any other "alternative" delivery method.

This is a complex area and extensive debate (particularly concerning funding structures) is only to be expected. CMAA believes, however, that the Oberstar/Mica blueprint published last week represents a strong first step in the right direction.

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