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Statement of David A. Raymond, President and CEO of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), on Release of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission Report:

WASHINGTON – "The Commission did a good job in putting aside politics and coming up with meaningful recommendations. They recognize that we need to grow the core program, that we need to use tolling, congestion pricing and public-private partnerships as part of funding solution, and that we need to make structural improvements to the federal program to get the most out of our investment.

The challenge before us today is very similar to that which confronted President Eisenhower some fifty years ago when he launched the Interstate system. As it was a matter of national security then, it's a matter of economic security and quality of life today. The more we wait, the more ground we lose in the competitive global marketplace; the more lost private sector investment and economic growth; and the more lives lost because of unsafe roadways.

We need to change this. Congress needs to consider the Commission's recommendations carefully -- and act. The choice is now theirs as to whether America gets a 21st century transportation system, or continues to fall into the potholes of the last century."

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