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ACEC Announces New Transportation Vision with AASHTO, Industry Partners

WASHINGTON D.C.— The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) joined with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and other industry partners at a press conference today to announce key recommendations to enhance the nation’s transportation system in the coming years.

The recommendations form the basis of a report -- “A New Vision for the 21st Century” – that will be presented to the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission, which was created by Congress to examine options for improving the nation’s transportation network.

“We have an infrastructure crisis looming on the horizon,” said ACEC President David A. Raymond. “Just as President Eisenhower confronted similar challenges with the Interstate System in the 1950s, our nation’s future security depends on a renewed commitment to building a 21st Century transportation system.”

Raymond emphasized the critical role the engineering industry will play in applying innovation and technology to address America’s transportation challenges. New, high performance materials, “smart” infrastructure with sensors embedded in physical systems, and other innovations will improve the longevity of structures and lower maintenance costs.

“The Vision document provides a straightforward road map to achieve a transportation system that’s safer, less congested, and one that will enable us to compete in the competitive global marketplace,” added Raymond. “It’s important now that policy makers act on these recommendations. The more we wait, the more lives we lose on unsafe roadways, and the more jobs that are lost because of infrastructure that cannot support a growing economy. The time to act is now.”

The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) is the business association of America’s engineering industry, representing approximately 5,700 independent engineering companies throughout the United States engaged in the development of America’s transportation, environmental, industrial, and other infrastructure. Founded in 1910 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., ACEC is a national federation of 51 state and regional organizations.