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**ACEC Supports T&I Committee on Highway Funding**

**Washington, DC**--The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) expressed its strong support today for legislation before the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee that would protect funding for needed transportation projects in 2003. H.R. 3694, *The Highway Funding Restoration Act* would guarantee fiscal year 2003 federal-aid highway funding to be "at least" \$27.7 billion, the amount authorized in TEA-21.

"Investments in the nation's infrastructure facilitate economic growth and a more durable, long-term economic recovery", said ACEC Chairman Steve Goddard. "The Federal Highway Administration's own studies show that every \$1 billion invested in highways creates 42,000 jobs. Today's Committee action is needed to ensure that these essential investments continue."

"The approach advocated in this legislation preserves needed transportation spending and protects the integrity of TEA-21", added ACEC President Dave Raymond. "We fully support the actions of Chairman Don Young (R-AK), ranking member James Oberstar (D-MN), and the members of the T&I Committee who have demonstrated time and again their understanding of our nation's infrastructure investment needs."

ACEC has produced over 2300 letters and visits to Capitol Hill in support of H.R. 3694 and its Senate companion, S.1917, helping to secure over 300 House co-sponsors and over 70 in the Senate.

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*The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) is the business association of America's engineering industry, representing about 6,000 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*