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The Honorable Mark Kennedy
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

The National Council for Public-Private Partnerships (NCPPP) is pleased to support your legislation for Freeing Alternatives for Speedy Transportation Act (FAST Act).

The mission of the NCPPT is to educate public officials, the general public and private sector companies about the concept of public-private partnerships (PPPs). This is a method of combining both public and private sector resources to better meet public needs. While not applicable to all public infrastructure and/or services, PPPs are an option whose proven value warrants consideration in a wide range of applications. In today's environment of budgetary challenges faced by all levels of governments, PPPs can provide a part of the answer in meeting the public's needs.

Transportation concerns are a clear example where private sector resources can be a significant component in developing innovative and effective solutions. Your legislation very much supports this concept, and for this reason the NCPPT is pleased to record its support of your bill.

Sincerely,

Richard B. Norment