

**SUMMARY OF H.R. _____,
THE “GENERATING RENEWAL, OPPORTUNITY, AND WORK WITH ACCELERATED MOBILITY,
EFFICIENCY, AND REBUILDING OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES
THROUGHOUT AMERICA ACT”
(GROW AMERICA ACT)**

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H.R. _____, the “Generating Renewal, Opportunity, and Work with Accelerated Mobility, Efficiency, and Rebuilding of Infrastructure and Communities throughout America Act” (GROW AMERICA Act), provides robust funding levels to repair and rebuild America’s critical infrastructure. Status quo funding will not reverse the serious decline in our infrastructure:

- 65 percent of America’s major roads are not in good condition. One in four bridges need significant repair or cannot handle today’s traffic.
- 45 percent of Americans do not have access to transit. The transit state of good repair backlog is \$86 billion.
- By 2020, the Highway Trust Fund’s purchasing power will have dropped by nearly one-half since 1990, at a time when the country’s population will have increased 30 percent.

The GROW AMERICA Act provides a total of **\$478 billion over six years, a 45 percent increase** for highways, bridges, public transportation, highway safety, and rail programs. Over six years, the GROW AMERICA Act makes significant investments in:

- **Highways** – provides \$317 billion for programs under the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), an increase of 29 percent over current levels.
- **Freight** – dedicates \$18 billion of highway funds for a new dedicated multi-modal freight program.
- **Transit** – provides \$115 billion for programs under the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), an increase of 76 percent over current levels, and significantly boosts New Starts funding.
- **Rail** – provides \$28.6 billion for programs under the Federal Rail Administration (FRA).
- **Safety** – provides \$6 billion for vehicle safety programs under the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), \$4.7 billion for truck and bus safety programs under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), and \$16 billion for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).
- **Competitive Grants** - provides \$7.5 billion for TIGER grants and \$6 billion for TIFIA that could support \$60 billion in loans.
- **Research and Innovation** – provides \$3.4 billion to leverage research and innovation to moving people and goods more safely and efficiently, while minimizing impacts on the environment.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.dot.gov/policy-initiatives/grow-america/grow-america-act-summary>