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ITE Reauthorization Priorities: Safety, Funding, Technology

Washington, DC—On July 25 in a letter to the leadership of the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, ITE International President Bruce Belmore outlined ITE’s priorities for the reauthorization of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act of 2015, which expires on September 30, 2020.

In his letter, Belmore transmitted the [full set of reauthorization principles](#) passed by the ITE Board of Direction at its recent meeting in Austin, Texas and highlighted three priority areas:

1. Establishment of a new safety program consistent with a Vision Zero philosophy
2. Increased and sustainable funding, with an emphasis on metropolitan areas
3. Support for the research and deployment of new and emerging technologies

“Safety must be our top priority,” said Belmore. “We must address the rising number of fatalities among vulnerable users utilizing Safe Systems approaches.” ITE, in partnership with the Road to Zero Coalition, has been a leader supporting Vision Zero implementation and advancing Safe Systems concepts that minimize the consequences of errors by users of the transportation system.

“ITE stands ready to work with Congress to support the advancement of new programs and funding that reduce the unacceptable loss of life occurring on our surface transportation system,” stated ITE CEO, Jeff Paniati. “We need both increased resources and federal leadership if we are to realize the potential of advanced technologies to save lives, increase mobility choices, and enhance the quality of life in our communities.”

About ITE

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