THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION ON FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION

WHEREAS, the federal surface transportation authorization bill known as MAP-21 funded federal programs only through September 2014; and

WHEREAS, a nearly three-year gap of short-term extensions separated MAP-21 from the official expiration of its predecessor, SAFETEA-LU; and

WHEREAS, MAP-21 did not address the future of the federal program or the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, state transportation agencies require certainty about federal funding for transportation projects as they conduct short- and long-term capital planning.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Council of State Governments calls on Congress to pass the next federal surface transportation authorization bill prior to the expiration of MAP-21 on September 30, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The Council of State Governments calls on Congress to engage on the issues of the future of the federal transportation program and the Highway Trust Fund during their deliberations on the next authorization bill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The Council of State Governments calls on state government officials to undertake activities to encourage Congressional action in this regard over the next 12 months.

Adopted this 22nd Day of September, 2013 at CSG’s 2013 National Conference in Kansas City, Missouri.