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Chairman Harper, Ranking Member Brady, and distinguished Members of the Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to join Chairman Shuster in presenting the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's budget request for the 115th Congress.

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has a history of true bipartisan cooperation, with both sides realizing the importance of investing in our Nation's roads, rail, aviation, waterways and other vital infrastructure. That cooperation allowed the Committee to be very productive in the last Congress.

In the 114th Congress, I worked with Chairman Shuster to reauthorize the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) pipeline safety program, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) navigation, flood control and environmental restoration projects.

We also passed the FAST Act, a five-year surface transportation reauthorization that provides \$281 billion in guaranteed funding for highways, highway safety, and transit infrastructure – all of which will create good-paying, family-wage jobs and boost domestic manufacturing.

The FAST Act was a step in the right direction, but it failed to provide the level of investment needed to really begin to repair and rebuild our Nation's backlog of aging and deteriorating transportation infrastructure.

President Trump's focus on infrastructure gives us an opportunity in this new Congress to make additional investments that will strengthen our economy, ensure U.S. economic competitiveness, and improve the daily lives of our citizens. I look forward to working with Chairman Shuster and the Trump administration to do just that.

As Chairman Shuster noted, we have a full legislative agenda for the 115th Congress. First and foremost, we must pass legislation reauthorizing the Federal Aviation Administration. We need to break the cycle of multiple extensions and enact a reauthorization before the end of September.

As Chairman Shuster mentioned, the Committee also intends to stay on a two-year cycle and develop another Water Resources Development Act, reauthorize FEMA, reauthorize the Coast Guard, and reform the General Services Administration (GSA).

For us to do our jobs for the American people, we request that you fund the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee at a modest increase to ensure we have oversight and infrastructure specialists who can help us achieve our objectives.

As in the past, the committee will continue to provide two-thirds of the personnel budget to the Majority, and one-third to the Minority. The non-personnel budget, like the travel budget, will continue to be shared fairly between Majority and Minority.

I look forward to a continued partnership with the Chairman in the 115th Congress. With your help, I know the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee can lay the groundwork for a modern, efficient, 21st century infrastructure network.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the Committee on House Administration today. I am happy to answer any questions you might have.