



July 30, 2025

The Honorable Bruce Westerman  
Chairman  
Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1324 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jared Huffman  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2330 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Huffman:

The American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) commends the bipartisan introduction of the *Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED)*. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) plays an important role in harmonizing transportation improvements and environmental stewardship, but targeted process reforms can help reduce project delays that stem from lengthy reviews and litigation threats.

Some of the nation's largest transportation projects can take years to move through the NEPA process, while mobility and safety enhancements sit on the sidelines. The SPEED Act would restore NEPA to its intended procedural role, helping deliver improved transportation systems to communities sooner.

The SPEED Act would give project owners greater certainty, streamline judicial review, and align NEPA with recent Supreme Court decisions. It would also introduce commonsense fixes to eliminate redundancy and give project sponsors transparency and control over review timelines. Together, these reforms would create a more efficient, predictable process—maximizing the value of federal transportation investment.

If enacted, these long-overdue course corrections would help ensure transportation projects are delivered on-time without jeopardizing the environment. ARTBA appreciates your leadership and looks forward to working with you to advance this important legislation.

Sincerely,

David C. Bauer  
President & CEO

cc: Members of the House Committee on Natural Resources