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Statement from American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) President Marsha Anderson Bomar, Ph.D., AICP, ENV SP, F.ITE, NAE, F.ASCE on the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act:

“For years, ASCE has championed the need to modernize and streamline America’s permitting processes. As the professionals who plan, design, construct, and maintain much of the nation’s infrastructure, civil engineers are acutely aware of and affected by regulations that either facilitate or impede the expeditious and environmentally sound development of infrastructure. ASCE supports a balanced approach to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process characterized by quality science, objective determinations of potential project impacts on the environment, and streamlining the permitting and approval process for infrastructure projects. The Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act would streamline evaluations of environmental impacts, expand the use of categorical exclusions, and establish reasonable deadlines for filing legal challenges to projects. ASCE would like to thank Reps. Westerman and Golden for introducing the SPEED Act. We look forward to serving as a resource and partner on this legislation.”