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Senate Appropriations Bill Rejects House Cuts to Mass Transit and Highway Programs Honors MAP-21 Funding Levels

WASHINGTON, DC—Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD) President Edward Wytkind issues this statement applauding the Senate for including surface transportation bill (MAP-21) funding levels in its FY 2013 appropriations package:

"The Senate has wisely rejected the irresponsible cuts to mass transit and highways in the House Continuing Resolution (CR) funding bill, deciding instead to live up to the investment levels embodied in the MAP-21 reauthorization bill completed just nine months ago.

"Our roads and bridges are suffering from disrepair and transit budgets have been devastated at a time when more Americans than ever are riding public transportation. And while MAP-21 did not go far enough to protect the Highway Trust Fund from insolvency, it was a bipartisan bill that recognized the importance of these investments to our economy and job creation.

"The House version must be rejected – it would undo the progress from MAP-21, threaten good jobs and roll back spending to unacceptable levels. Let's keep the promises made in MAP-21 and enact the Senate transit and highway funding levels."

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