



## **TRANSPORTATION COALITION OF TENNESSEE ANNOUNCES INITIAL MEMBERS**

### **Initial recruitment effort yields 30 organizations committed to finding long-term, sustainable funding to meet identified needs**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (March 5, 2015) – The Transportation Coalition of Tennessee announced today that 30 organizations, including the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, AARP and the Tennessee County Commissioners Association, have joined the coalition in support of its mission to educate the public and work with state legislators to reform Tennessee’s transportation fund.

The statewide coalition formed in response to the need to find a comprehensive funding solution to maintain and expand the state’s transportation system. Tennessee Department of Transportation Commissioner John Schroer stated publicly last year that the state is in increasing danger of being able to provide only basic maintenance on roads and bridges. As a result, many projects aimed at keeping up with population growth and addressing needed safety improvements would be put on hold.

State and local transportation projects in Tennessee are funded primarily by state and federal fuel-tax revenues. These projects include maintenance, repair and new construction. Transportation experts estimate it would take an additional \$800 million annually to begin to seriously address some of the backlog of badly needed road projects across Tennessee.

The coalition’s steering committee consists of the founding organizations, including the Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance, Auto Club Group/AAA Tennessee, Tennessee Public Transportation Association, Tennessee Trucking Association, Tennessee County Highway Officials Association, Tennessee Municipal League, American Council of Engineering Companies of Tennessee and Tennessee Road Builders Association.

Initial members include AARP, American Heart Association Greater Southeast Affiliate, American Public Works Association Tennessee Chapter, American Society of Civil Engineers Tennessee Chapter, Associated Builders & Contractors Greater Tennessee Chapter, Associated General Contractors of East Tennessee, Associated General Contractors of Tennessee, Concrete Paving Association of Tennessee, The Corradino Group, Greater Nashville Regional Council, Home Builders Association of Tennessee, Middle Tennessee Chapter of the American Society of Highway Engineers, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, Tennessee Concrete Association, Tennessee County Commissioners Association, Tennessee County Services Association, Tennessee Disability Coalition, Tennessee Highway Users Conference, Tennessee Paper

Council, Tennessee Public Health Association, Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers, and Transit Alliance of Middle Tennessee.

“These businesses and organizations will be a big asset for the coalition and our initiative,” said Susie Alcorn, executive director of the Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance. “We’re committed to working with state officials to identify possible solutions for this important issue.”

Participants in the Transportation Coalition of Tennessee will include businesses, citizens, community leaders, public officials and organizations that are interested in advancing Tennessee’s infrastructure in order to maintain our economic competitiveness and increase safety in the system.

“We will continue to seek out those who believe in the government’s fundamental role in maintaining our transportation infrastructure system across Tennessee,” said Alcorn.

For more information or to join the Transportation Coalition of Tennessee, visit its website at [www.TransportationCoalitionTN.org](http://www.TransportationCoalitionTN.org).

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