



**TRANSPORTATION COALITION OF TENNESSEE
TO HOLD INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE
*Gov. Bill Haslam To Deliver Keynote Address***

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Oct. 5, 2015) – Gov. Bill Haslam will deliver the keynote address at tomorrow’s Tennessee Infrastructure Conference, where key factors of the state’s transportation funding dilemma will be the topic of the day.

The conference, promoted by the Transportation Coalition of Tennessee and hosted by the Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance, will take place at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro on Tuesday, Oct. 6. Registration opens at 10:30 a.m., and the conference kicks off with lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. when Haslam will speak.

Conference attendees will learn about transportation funding problems, the identified unfunded projects throughout the state and the need for a long-term, sustainable solution to meet Tennessee’s growing transportation needs.

“We hope that Tennesseans interested in learning why comprehensive funding reform is needed will join the conversation by attending the conference,” said Susie Alcorn, executive director of the Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance. “Educating Tennesseans about the need for funding reform is critical to maintaining our roads and bridges statewide.”

Participants in the conference will include businesses, citizens, community leaders, public officials and organizations that are interested in continuing Tennessee’s transportation infrastructure to provide for economic competitiveness, quality of life and the safety of our motoring public.

CONFERENCE DETAILS

The infrastructure conference will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Embassy Suites at 1200 Conference Center Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37129. Those interested in attending can register and see the conference speaker roster at www.TransportationCoalitionTN.org or call (615) 200-8420 for more information.

General admission is \$95 and includes lunch with Gov. Haslam. Local government officials can register for \$65. Online registration continues through the day of the event.

ABOUT THE TRANSPORTATION COALITION OF TENNESSEE

The Transportation Coalition of Tennessee was created to educate the public and state legislators as it seeks an increase and reform in Tennessee's transportation fees. The coalition aims to recruit other interested parties to join in seeking a comprehensive funding solution to maintain and expand Tennessee's critical transportation system.

Participants in the Transportation Coalition of Tennessee include businesses, citizens, community leaders, public officials and organizations that are interested in continuing Tennessee's transportation infrastructure for the long haul.

The Transportation Coalition steering committee includes representatives from 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.

Tennessee is a pay-as-you-go state, with transportation projects funded primarily by state and federal fuel tax revenues. The dollars are apportioned for state and local projects, which include maintenance, repair and new construction.

For more information or to join the Transportation Coalition of Tennessee, visit its website at www.TransportationCoalitionTN.org.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Susie Alcorn
Executive Director
Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance
(615) 763-3835

Keith Miles kmiles@mpf.com
or
Alice Chapman achapman@mpf.com
MP&F Public Relations
(615) 259-4000