



## Archived NAPA COVID-19 News & Announcements

### April 7, 2020

#### [ARTBA CEO: Now Is the Time To Be Fixing Roads](#)

David C. Bauer, President & CEO of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association, published a compelling op-ed in *The Washington Examiner* on the importance of road projects moving forward amid the pandemic, citing safety and economic benefits.

#### [Infrastructure Week Postponed](#)

Originally scheduled for May 11-15, Infrastructure Week has been postponed to Sept. 14-21, 2020, and renamed "United for Infrastructure 2020." To learn more about the advocacy events, webinars, initiatives, social media campaigns, and other programming planned for September, [click here](#).

### April 2, 2020

#### [Farm Bureau, ATA Call for Gas Tax Increase](#)

In a [letter](#) to the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance and the U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means, the American Farm Bureau Federation and American Trucking Associations (ATA) implored Congress to consider infrastructure investment in any phase four COVID-19 legislation. The letter recommends a gas tax increase, especially now that Americans are paying about 60 cents per gallon less for fuel today compared to one year ago. [Click here to read more.](#)

### April 1, 2020

#### **2020 TCC Fly-In Cancelled**

Anyone who has already registered will be refunded their registration fee. The Grand Hyatt will automatically cancel room reservations. If you have any additional questions or are having trouble securing your refund, please contact [Ashley Jackson](#), NAPA Senior Director of Government Affairs.



## March 31, 2020

### **Trump, Pelosi Mention Infrastructure for Next COVID-19 Supplemental**

With Congress in recess, the White House and congressional Democrats are preparing for a possible fourth round of economic stimulus and supplemental spending. White House officials have compiled lists of requests from government agencies totaling roughly \$600 billion, according to Bloomberg News. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) told reporters yesterday that Democrats are gathering information on what might be needed in another round of stimulus. She said she "would hope" that infrastructure can be part of the response. [Click here to read more](#) on NAPA's COVID-19 Legislative Update page.

### **Call to Action: Next Coronavirus Supplemental Should Include Transportation Investment**

NAPA asks industry leaders to contact their U.S. senators and representatives to urge them to include a multi-year surface transportation investment package in the next round of coronavirus relief legislation. It's easy -- the letter is already written. You just have to enter your name, home address, and phone number. [Click here](#) to send your letter today.

## March 30, 2020

### **U.S. DOL Publishes More Guidance on the CARES Act**

The U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Wage and Hour Division (WHD) published more guidance to provide information to employees and employers about how each will be able to take advantage of the protections and relief offered by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) when it goes into effect on April 1, 2020.

### **CISA's Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce Advisory List**

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has developed, in collaboration with other federal agencies, state and local governments, and the private sector, an "Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce" [advisory list](#). This list is intended to help officials as they work to protect their communities,



while ensuring continuity of public health and safety as well as economic and national security. CISA considers the maintenance and operation of essential highway infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and tunnels, essential critical infrastructure work.

### **[Urge Your Governor to Declare Construction Essential](#)**

As our local, state, and federal leaders work to mitigate economic impacts across the country, we need to let them know that the aggregate and construction industries must be designated as essential industries. We are crucial to ensuring vital public works projects continue, materials reach those who need them most, and vertical structures can be built to help those most impacted by COVID-19. [Click here](#) to send a letter to your governor today.

## **March 24, 2020**

### **[NAPA President & CEO Letter to Members Regarding Coronavirus Response](#)**

In her March 24 letter to NAPA member companies, Dr. Audrey Copeland, NAPA President & CEO, outlines the association's top three priorities related to the Coronavirus: workforce health & safety and preventing the spread of COVID-19, recognizing highway and road construction as an essential industry, and increased infrastructure investment.

### **[Congress Passes Largest Rescue Package in U.S. History](#)**

On March 26, the Senate, by a vote of 96-0, passed S. 3548, the CARES Act, the third coronavirus emergency supplemental. Less than 24 hours later, the House passed the \$2.1 trillion coronavirus relief package, which will provide aid to many Americans, small businesses, and major industries on the edge of economic collapse as a result of the pandemic. The bill, now signed into law, is [available here](#). Visit NAPA's [Legislative Update page](#) for more details about how this will affect the transportation industry.

**[FHWA Letter to AASHTO](#)** In this March 23 letter, FHWA encourages AASHTO to consider the safety of the nation's infrastructure workers when developing action plans to safeguard communities.

### [COVID-19's Impact on Accreditation of Technicians, Laboratories](#)

The AASHTO Accreditation Program will add 30 days to the deadlines of any open accreditation events, and proficiency samples are being extended 28 days. Questions regarding how this further impacts your laboratory's accreditation can be directed to AASHTO Accreditation Program Manager, Brian Johnson at [bjohnson@ashtoresource.org](mailto:bjohnson@ashtoresource.org) or (240) 436-4820. All on-site laboratory assessments are suspended until further notice. Questions regarding your upcoming assessment can be directed to Laboratory Assessment Program Manager, Maria Knake at [mknake@ashtoresource.org](mailto:mknake@ashtoresource.org) or (240) 436-4804. For more information, [click here](#).



### **Employees Are Trusting Their Employers**

According to the second edition of Haymarket Media's Coronavirus Briefing, people are putting more faith in information coming from their workplaces than they do in information from websites maintained by government agencies, healthcare companies, and traditional media or social media. NAPA encourages member companies to reach out to their employees safely and regularly during these uncertain times. One good example is the [video](#) that Patrick Nelson, President & CEO of Lehman-Roberts Co., made to communicate with workers.

### [U.S. Energy Supply Chain Safe for Now](#)

According to a Reuters article, there have been no disruptions to the U.S. energy supply chain due to the coronavirus outbreak, as contingency measures taken by oil and natural gas companies help keep supplies flowing, said Suzanne Lemieux, the American Petroleum Institute's head of operations security. [Click here](#) to read more.