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## **Asphalt Pavement Industry Laments FAST Act Extension, Seeks Predictable Infrastructure Funding**

GREENBELT, MD—National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) President and CEO Audrey Copeland, Ph.D., P.E., issued the following statement in response to Congress' proposed short-term extension of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act:

"When this temporary extension ends on Dec. 3, it will mark the six-year anniversary of the FAST Act's original passage out of Congress in 2015. Legislators cannot continue granting extensions from month to month using funding estimates from the previous decade without causing uncertainty for workers and business owners in the communities they are elected to serve. The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA) would inject \$550 billion into surface transportation infrastructure, an increase of 55 percent over current levels, providing a predictable funding stream for improving the safety and efficiency of highways, roads, and bridges across the country. NAPA's government affairs team will continue to make the case in Washington that the time for investment is now and will directly contribute to our nation's prosperity."

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