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HIGHWAY MATERIALS GROUP USES INFRASTRUCTURE WEEK TO CONTINUE PUSH FOR GROWING, SUSTAINABLE HIGHWAY FUNDING

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 16, 2016 – Groups supplying the materials and equipment to build and maintain the nation’s roads, highways and bridges are renewing the push for increased highway funding during Infrastructure Week 2016. This week offers our industry the opportunity to highlight the importance of the nation’s transportation infrastructure to economic growth while cautioning that future investment still is insufficient.

“Congress made a huge leap, after more than a decade of temporary fixes, and passed the multi-year FAST Act in 2015, but they still haven’t solved the long-term system shortfall and settled on a funding mechanism that provides a stable and growing revenue source necessary to maintain and improve our nation’s roads, bridges and highways. The job is not done.” said Gerald Voigt, president and CEO of American Concrete Pavement Association.

The FAST Act, adopted by Congress and approved by the president in December 2015, injects \$305 billion into surface transportation network from fiscal year 2016 through 2020. In lieu of fixing the user-fee based Highway Trust Fund in any meaningful way, the bill was funded through one-time budget gimmicks that conflict directly with the user fee principle.

“Our transportation infrastructure is critical to the American way of life, creating jobs and growing our economy and is directly linked to our economic future,” said Associated Equipment Distributors President and CEO Brian McGuire. “Congress must begin work now to ensure that a new sustainable funding system is in place before the FAST Act expires.”

Infrastructure Week is a national week of high-profile events, media coverage, focused advocacy and other efforts held around the country to build momentum for revitalization of America’s economic competitiveness through rebuilding the nation’s infrastructure. Led by groups representing America’s business, labor and policy-making leadership, Infrastructure Week convened an unprecedented, broad and non-partisan coalition united around the message that “Infrastructure Matters.”

“The Highway Materials Group represents over a million jobs that impact all aspects of our economy,” Voigt said. “These jobs are spread across the country and cannot be outsourced to another country. Investing in infrastructure is investing in America.”

For more information on Infrastructure Week 2016, visit the website at:
www.infrastructureweek.org.