

October 8, 2019

The Honorable David Price
Subcommittee Chair
Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development Subcommittee
2358A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
Subcommittee Ranking Member
Transportation, Housing and Urban
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1016 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Subcommittee Chair Price and Subcommittee Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:

The American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA), the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA), and the Portland Cement Association (PCA) appreciate the inclusion of report language in the Fiscal Year 2020 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill directing the Federal Aviation Administration to fund the Airfield Pavement Technology Program.

The Airfield Pavement Technology Program invests in research and technology that improves the quality of airfield pavements, reduces costs, and improves safety. The program has produced a variety of beneficial guides, engineering tools, and handbooks used to improve and enhance planning, design, and construction of airfield pavements. Through this research, many improvements have been made to state and federal design and construction specification guidance. This research and technology has been promoted in close collaboration with the Federal Aviation Administration, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the asphalt and concrete industries, and airport owners.

As Congress continues to work on a final Fiscal Year 2020 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill, we wanted to highlight our support for the report language accompanying the Senate bill. Specifically:

“Of this amount, \$6,000,000 is for the airfield pavement technology program authorized under section 744 of Public Law 115-254, of which \$3,000,000 is for concrete pavement research and \$3,000,000 is for asphalt pavement research.”

This funding will enable applied research on asphalt and concrete airfield pavements, implement and deploy completed research, as well as promote the latest airfield pavement technologies to enhance safety, extend the life of airfield pavements, improve quality, and reduce costs.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to advance funding for the Airfield Pavement Technology Program in the fiscal year 2020 Transportation, Housing and Development appropriations bill.

Sincerely,



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