

October 8, 2019

The Honorable Susan Collins
Subcommittee Chair
Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development Subcommittee
186 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jack Reed
Subcommittee Ranking Member
Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development Subcommittee
128 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Subcommittee Chair Collins and Subcommittee Ranking Member Reed:

The American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA), the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA), and the Portland Cement Association (PCA) applaud the inclusion of \$6 million in funding for the Airfield Pavement Technology Program in the Fiscal Year 2020 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill passed by the committee on September 19th.

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 support the report language included in the Senate bill directing the Federal Aviation Administration to invest \$6 million in funding for the Airfield Pavement Technology Program. 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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