



Transportation Construction Coalition

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The Honorable Scott Bessent
Secretary of the Treasury
U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20220

RE: Guidance on Executive Order “Emergency Tax Relief on Diesel Fuel”

Dear Secretary Bessent:

The 34 member organizations and labor unions of the Transportation Construction Coalition (TCC) appreciate the administration’s attention to high diesel costs and their impact on businesses and working families. As you know, the federal user fee of 24.4 cents per gallon on diesel fuel remains a key source of revenue for the Highway Trust Fund (HTF). Therefore, the guidance developed by Treasury to implement the October 5 executive order, “Emergency Tax Relief on Diesel Fuel,” could greatly impact the HTF and stability of the federal surface transportation investment it provides.

Reliable federal-aid funding helps states and localities plan and implement transportation improvements, with resulting benefits in safety, economic growth and quality of life. Similarly, businesses belonging to our organizations will invest in their teams, equipment and other resources with greater confidence, reflecting their commitment to making those projects a reality.

Conversely, uncertainty over one of the HTF’s key inputs could greatly undermine these benefits. As an example, some states and localities may anticipate a downturn in federal investment for their projects and curtail upcoming project lettings. Such actions would adversely impact construction employment and equipment sales.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that Treasury consider the potential effects of deferred diesel tax receipts and tax forgiveness on the HTF, with attention to both fuel affordability and the reliability of transportation funding in the short and long term. We also ask that you solicit insights from transportation stakeholders, including the TCC and its members, in developing guidance pursuant to the recent executive order.

Thank you for considering the views of our organizations and members at this important time.

Sincerely,

The Transportation Construction Coalition

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