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Senate’s vote on bi-partisan transportation bill tomorrow crucial for economic development, great neighborhoods

Smart Growth America lauds latest draft of surface transportation authorization MAP-21, pushes for successful cloture vote Tuesday

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WASHINGTON DC — The newest version of the Senate transportation bill, presented by Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) with bi-partisan support, includes key provisions that preserve existing infrastructure, grow the economy and improve the mobility of all Americans.

“Senators have shown real leadership in crafting a bi-partisan transportation bill supplemented with thoughtful amendments,” says Geoffrey Anderson, President and CEO of Smart Growth America. “In a time when many citizens are increasingly skeptical about the ability of Washington to play a meaningful role in creating jobs and restoring American prosperity, MAP-21 represents a real step forward.”

The Senate will hold a cloture vote on the transportation authorization tomorrow, March 6. Smart Growth America strongly endorses MAP-21 and looks forward to working with the Senate further as the bill moves forward.

“It’s a no-brainer to heed Majority Leader Reid’s call for cloture,” Anderson says. “Now is the time to invest in our future and to ensure the long-term viability of our nation’s transportation system.”

Smart Growth America is the only national organization dedicated to researching, advocating for and leading coalitions to bring smart growth practices to more communities nationwide. From providing more sidewalks to ensuring more homes are built near public transportation or that productive farms remain a part of our communities, smart growth helps make sure people across the nation can live in great neighborhoods. For additional information visit www.smartgrowthamerica.org.

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