



THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION LEAGUE

1700 North Moore Street, Suite 1900
Arlington, VA 22209
(703) 524-5011 • Fax: (703) 524-5017

For Immediate Release

November 3, 2008

For Information, Contact

Peter J. Gatti
(703) 524-5011

NITL URGES TRANSPORT/ INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING IN STIMULUS PACKAGE

The National Industrial Transportation League (NITL) notified all members of the U.S. Congress last Friday (October 31st) that they should include funding for transportation infrastructure as part of an economic stimulus package that may soon be considered. The letter was sent in anticipation that Congress will return in mid-to-late November for a "lame-duck" session to consider passage of a new stimulus package which could include funding for the country's transportation infrastructure.

NITL President Bruce Carlton told the legislators that inadequate funding levels for infrastructure construction, maintenance, and repair has left the nation's roads, ports and air systems in danger of collapse. In these times of economic uncertainty he said, "we can no longer afford to ignore these critically important national assets."

Carlton pointed out that decades ago, the U.S. transport system was the envy of the world; however, "Today we have an enormous backlog of deferred maintenance, deteriorated and crumbling assets, choking bottlenecks, and system-wide congestion." Additionally he said this has resulted in our country falling "far behind in providing the means to move goods more efficiently and it is costing our country billions of dollars in lost productivity." These transport networks Carlton said, "are vital to the country's economic well-being but they have historically been underfunded. We now have an opportunity to make a significant down payment on the essential job of rebuilding our transportation system..."

Future development of the nation's freight transportation infrastructure will be a major focus for the NITL's 101st Annual Meeting Business Session set for November 17, beginning at 7:45 a.m. in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. For more details go to <http://www.nitl.org>.

For a complete copy of the NITL letter to Congress click here: <http://www.nitl.org/TransportStim.pdf>.

The League is an association of companies that conducts industrial and/or commercial shipping throughout the United States and internationally. Founded in 1907, the League is one of the oldest and largest associations representing some 700 member companies involved with the transport of all kinds of freight in domestic and international commerce.