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**ITS AMERICA PRESIDENT & CEO SHAILEN BHATT STATEMENT ON  
SENATE COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION STIA ACT**

The STIA Act's infrastructure technology investments are game changers. The bill recognizes the pivotal role technology plays in making our transportation infrastructure safer and creating more mobility options for all Americans, no matter where they live.

The proposed investments will allow the United States to achieve a 21st century transportation infrastructure that helps protect all road users— pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists, and drivers - using technology to prevent fatalities on our roadways. From establishing grant programs that support using innovations such as connected technologies, automated transportation, and autonomous vehicles to those that support intelligent technologies such as sensors that collect and report real-time data to promote safety, the bill creates an on-ramp for the United States to strengthen its place as an infrastructure leader in a technology-driven global economy.

ITS America appreciates the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee's technology investments. We look forward to working with the committee on putting in place a federal framework for automated vehicles as the process moves forward.

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