



June 8, 2021

The Honorable Peter DeFazio  
Chair  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Highways and Transit  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
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Dear Chair DeFazio and Chair Norton:

In anticipation of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure markup tomorrow of "INVEST in America Act," the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America) writes to express our belief that INVEST in America Act's investments in intelligent transportation technologies will help transform our nation's transportation and infrastructure.

Our nation is on the cusp of great opportunity in how we define our 21st-century transportation system, one that can provide greener communities, increased opportunity and equity, and safer streets for all Americans. Technologies including connected, automated, shared, on-demand, and electrified transportation and infrastructure will define the way people, goods, services, and information move, reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector, and ensure that the United States continues its leadership in the technology-driven global economy.

Over the years since Congress passed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, automated and connected vehicle technologies have advanced, the collection and use of big data have become an increasingly valuable tool for decision-makers, electrification of vehicles of every type from human scale to large scale continues, Mobility on Demand services are transforming how we get around, and technology is increasingly crucial to addressing inequities in access to transportation. As ITS America noted in our recently-released [technology blueprint](#), enacting policies that deploy intelligent transportation technologies will ensure a safer, greener, smarter, and more equitable system.

To lead the 21st-century technology-driven global economy, Congress will need to invest in digital infrastructure and rebuild and modernize our existing physical infrastructure. This bill lays the foundation for a better future transformed by intelligent transportation technologies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shailen Bhatt".

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