

A Message from ASHE National President, Kevin Duris

ASHE is pleased to partner with the American Road and Transportation Builders Alliance (ARTBA) and the Transportation Construction Coalition (TCC) for "Call the Senate Day" on Wednesday, February 3. With the House having passed "The Jobs for Main Street Act" in December, which includes \$37.2 billion in new federal transportation investment, the action has now moved to the Senate. That chamber is expected to consider its own version of a "jobs bill" in coming days and weeks, so it is vital for the industry to weigh in with your senators of both parties and stress the need for robust transportation infrastructure investment to be part of this bill. As you know, there has been a recent change in the Senate's partisan lineup (now 59-41 Democrat to Republican), so the situation is very fluid.

We are seeking to build on the success of "Call Congress Day" from Dec. 10, 2009, during which industry activists made more than 5,000 calls to Capitol Hill just days before the House voted on their bill. Once again, callers can use the **toll-free ARTBA Action Hotline at 1-888-448-2782** to reach their U.S. Senate offices in just a few minutes.

We will provide talking points and more information shortly. Please stand by, and thank you for your help.

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