

Bipartisan Transportation Bill Will Support 3 million American Jobs

Washington, D.C.—Today, after Congressman Tim Walz last week [called on the Transportation Conference Committee](#) to resolve their differences and bring forward a new, bipartisan Transportation bill, conference committee leaders announced that a 2 year bipartisan Transportation Bill will be brought forward.

Before Walz's Motion to Instruct (MTI) the conference committee, the [negotiations were at a standstill.](#) The Walz motion passed the House by an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 386-34 and worked to rally members from both sides of the aisle to come together and get the job done.

“Compromise and common purpose is the glue that holds us together,” said Walz. **“This shows what’s possible when we set our partisan differences aside and work together to solve problems. This bill will work to create American jobs, rebuild our crumbling roads and bridges, and give certainty to local small business owners and construction workers. I’m pleased the Conferees put their partisan differences aside and brought forward this bipartisan highway bill.”**

The new 2 year Transportation Bill will create or save 3 million American jobs and give local small businesses, construction workers, and communities the certainty they need to plan for the future.

Watch Congressman Walz rally bipartisan support on the House floor for his bill to push the Transportation Conference Committee to set aside their partisan differences and put people back to work by clicking [here](#) , [here](#) , and [here](#).

Timeline of events from before Walz introduced his bill pushing for bipartisan agreement, to announcement of the final details today:

- **Monday, June 18 2012**, [negotiations on a new bill were at a standstill](#) and there was little hope that a deal for a new transportation bill would be reached.

- **Tuesday, June 19, 2012**, [Congressman Walz introduced a bill](#) with a simple message to the Transportation Conference Committee: set aside your partisan differences and [get the work done](#).

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for his motion from both Republicans and Democrats on the House floor.

- **Wednesday, June 20, 2012**, Congressman Walz's bill [passed the House](#) with an overwhelming bipartisan vote of [386-34](#).

- **Thursday, June 21, 2012**, After rallying both sides of the aisle to get the work done, progress was made. Transportation leadership from both the Senate and the House [released a statement touting progress](#).

- **Thursday, June 28, 2012**, Announcement is made that a new [transportation deal has been reached](#), supporting 3 million American jobs and rebuilding and repairing our crumbling infrastructure.

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