

Bill will make roads safer and support three million American jobs

Austin, MN—Today, Congressman Tim Walz visited McFarland Truck Lines in Austin to tout the new two-year transportation bill that will make our roads and bridges safer while supporting three million American jobs.

“Compromise and common purpose is the glue that holds us together,” said Walz. **“Our small businesses need safer, more efficient roads that allow them to transport their goods throughout the country and compete in the world market. By rebuilding our roads and bridges, we’re giving local businesses the tools they need to compete, while at the same time putting southern Minnesotans back to work helping to build a more prosperous future for our children.”**

Based in Austin, McFarland Truck Lines has been in business for over 70 years and operate a fleet of 108 trucks throughout the continental United States. Recently, McFarland was named the safest trucking company in Minnesota and awarded the coveted Grand Trophy for Fleet Safety, the Minnesota Trucking Association's highest honor for safety.

The new two-year transportation bill will fix our roads and bridges, making them safer while supporting three million American jobs. It will also give our local small businesses, construction workers, and communities the certainty they need to plan for the future.

“The American economy depends on truckers, and truckers depend on a strong national highway system.□ We appreciate the leadership Congressman Walz exhibited in making this critical bill a reality, and his recognizing the unique needs of our industry in that process,” said John Hausladen, President of the Minnesota Trucking Association.

Walz’s work was pivotal in working towards bipartisan agreement on a new transportation bill. He [introduced legislation](#) that directed the transportation conference committee to resolve their differences and bring forward a new, bipartisan transportation bill. This motion passed by a vote of 386-34. Before its passage, [negotiations were at a standstill](#). After the Walz bill passed, conference committee leaders announced that an agreement had been

reached.

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