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**President Signs SAFETEA-LU  
Technical Corrections Bill**  
***Bill will improve safety, create jobs.***

WASHINGTON---House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman James L. Oberstar (Minn.) issued the following statement today after President Bush signed into law H.R. 1195, the SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008:

I am very pleased that the President today signed H. R. 1195, the “SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008” into law. H.R. 1195 makes technical corrections to the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (“SAFETEA-LU”). Its enactment will allow critical projects to move ahead, relieving traffic congestion, enhancing highway safety, and creating badly needed jobs for America.

This bill makes critical fixes to the transportation research title of SAFETEA-LU that will recapture critical research funds for many essential programs. H.R. 1195 also contains an important clarification to the Repeat Intoxicated Driver Law to allow for the use of ignition interlock devices.

This legislation includes clarifying language that will ensure that the Federal Transit Administration employs a multi-measure approach in rating projects, and recognizes the environmental benefits to be achieved through the development of these facilities.

Finally, the bill includes corrections to previously authorized projects to ensure that they may move to construction. H.R. 1195 will help create or sustain approximately 40,000 family-wage, highway-related construction jobs.

With more than one million construction workers out of work, this bill will provide a critical boost to highway and transit construction as we begin the process of rebuilding America.

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