



ROADWAY INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY COALITION

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AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION JOINS ROADWAY INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY COALITION

Washington, D.C. – The Roadway Infrastructure Safety Coalition (RISC) recently welcomed the American Public Works Association (APWA) to its coalition as its newest member. RISC was created to work to reduce deaths on America's roadways by improving roadway safety infrastructure through the federal legislative, regulatory, and budgetary process. Evidence suggests that roadway infrastructure plays a significant role in as much as one third of the deaths that occur on our nation's roadways annually.

RISC is currently composed of the following organizations all committed to reducing deaths on roadways through investing in roadway safety infrastructure: the American Highway Users Alliance (The Highway Users), American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE), American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA), National Association of Counties (NACo), National Association of County Engineers (NACE), and the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO).

APWA, is an international educational and professional association of public agencies, private sector companies, and individuals dedicated to providing high quality public works goods and services.

“The American Public Works Association is proud to be a member of the Roadway Infrastructure Safety Coalition,” said APWA President Noel Thompson. “Making our roadways the safest they can be is a priority for all our members, who play a role designing, building, managing and operating our roadways. We are committed to working with our nation's leaders and raising awareness of the need to invest in life-saving roadway infrastructure improvements.”

Throughout the 111th Congress, RISC hopes to highlight the need to invest in the safety of the roadway itself. The transportation authorization process, which is set to expire in September 2009, will be a key focus of the Coalition.

Last year, approximately 38,000 people died on America's roadways. This is not simply a number; it represents the death of someone's loved one. RISC will do everything in its power to raise awareness concerning the need to focus on roadway safety and to invest the funds necessary to make everyone's journey in the future a safer one.

APWA is a welcome addition to RISC and will significantly help the Coalition expand and grow its effectiveness.

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