

Resolution Calling on President-elect Biden to Prioritize Long-Term Surface Transportation Funding and Pass  
the INVEST in America Act

**Whereas** five-year appropriations under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, which provided long-term funding for America's highways, transit, and rails, expired on September 30, 2020, with a continuing resolution extending the funding in the short-term until December 11.

**Whereas** the INVEST in America Act, which passed the House of Representatives in July, 2020 and has since been sitting on Mitch McConnell's legislative graveyard, is a real first step toward modernizing America's infrastructure, something Republicans have been promising for five years.

**Whereas** the INVEST in America Act is a friend of both rural and urban areas alike. It would provide assistance for local governments to repair the 47,000 structurally deficient bridges across the country. It would strengthen America's freight industry. It commits federal support to Transit-Oriented Development. It would take the first step of making transit more affordable by finally creating a reduced-fare pilot project.

**Whereas** the INVEST in America Act would be good for the environment. It would require new federal emissions standards to cut greenhouse gas emissions, which has been endorsed by the Young Democrats of America 2019 platform.

**Whereas** the INVEST in America Act would make roads and railroads safer. It would require new federal regulation on Automatic Emergency Braking and finally codify and expand safe routes to schools.

**Therefore, be it resolved:**

That the Virginia Young Democrats Teen Caucus calls upon President-elect Joe Biden to prioritize long-term surface transportation funding and pass the INVEST in America Act.