

December 22, 2018

Mr. Finch Fulton
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy
Office of the Secretary (OST)
U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Extension Request for Docket No. DOT-OST-2018-0210;

Dear Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy Fulton:

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) is requesting that the United States Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary extend the comment period for the “V2X Communications” Notice of Request for Comments (RFC) Docket Number DOT-OST-2018-0210, to be issued in Washington, D.C. on December 26, 2018. **We are requesting that USDOT extend to comment period for a total of 60 days, 30 days longer than is currently planned.** Representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, AASHTO serves as a liaison between state departments of transportation and the federal government.

We appreciate USDOT opening up a dialog on the complex and technical issues raised in the RFC related to connected vehicles. As noted in the RFC, the issues related to connected vehicles are both broad and technical. AASHTO has many members that will be able to provide USDOT with useful information and examples and we have already begun organizing a group to develop a response. However, given the timing of the RFC being published so close to the Christmas and New Year’s holidays as well as the upcoming 2019 TRB Annual Meeting, it will be difficult for AASHTO (and likely many other companies, associations, and groups) to organize a complete group.

Again, we appreciate USDOT asking the questions posed in the RFC and we look forward to providing USDOT with useful and timely comments. We believe it would be advantageous to all organizations involved in this important topic if USDOT did extend the comment period to 60

days. If you would like to discuss the issues raised in this letter, please contact Matthew Hardy, Ph.D., AASHTO's Program Director for Planning and Performance Management at (202) 624-3625.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bud Wright". The signature is stylized and cursive, with the first name "Bud" being more prominent than the last name "Wright".

Bud Wright
Executive Director
AASHTO