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## CSG is proud to support Infrastructure Week!

### Infrastructure Week Highlights Importance of Smart Investing

Unless you're stuck in traffic, or without water because of a water main break, or hitting a pothole, or your power goes out, you probably don't think all that much about infrastructure. As civil engineers, that's how we want it.

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### Utah Finds Roads to Economic Growth

Transportation investment can have a positive effect on a state's economy. Utah state Rep. Kay Christofferson knows firsthand the impact transportation investment—and the lack thereof—can have on his state's economy.

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### State, Local Leaders Drive Home Message on Infrastructure Investments

To ensure America has a vibrant economic future, we must invest in our nation's infrastructure now. That's the message leading voices from government, business and academia will bring to Washington, D.C., during national Infrastructure Week.

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This FREE webcast, the first of three CSG eCademy events on federalism's impact across the branches, will examine the current relationship between the executive branch and state governments with a view toward providing a fuller understanding of the duties, powers and limitations inherent in our federal system.

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### Price at the Pump

According to the AAA Fuel Gauge Report, the national average price for a gallon of gas on May 6 was \$2.64, the highest it has been this year, up 61 cents from the low of \$2.03 per gallon in January. AAA reports that this is the largest seasonal increase in gas prices since 2012.

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### Tolling and the Anti-Toll Backlash

Tolling plays a significant role in America's transportation system. In 2013, there were more than 5,880 miles of U.S. toll roads. That was up from 4,918 miles in 2008. Thirty-four states and Puerto Rico have at least one tolled highway, bridge or tunnel.

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### **Michigan Rejects Gas Taxes; Conference Explores Funding Options**

Michigan voters Tuesday rejected a ballot measure that would have hiked the state's general sales tax, fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees to provide funding for dilapidated roads. Meanwhile, Oregon played host to a transportation finance conference to explore new funding options, like roads usage charging.

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### **CSG Hosts Transportation Leaders' Policy Academy in D.C.**

Nine state legislators from around the country will attend the 5th annual CSG Transportation Policy Academy in Washington, D.C. this week. The legislators will tour transportation projects in Northern Virginia, meet with officials at the U.S. Department of Transportation, take part in high-level briefings with transportation stakeholders and experts, and meet with members of Congress to relay the continuing importance of federal transportation investment to their states and communities.

### **CSG 5th Annual Transportation Leaders' Policy Academy**

May 11-13, Washington, D.C.

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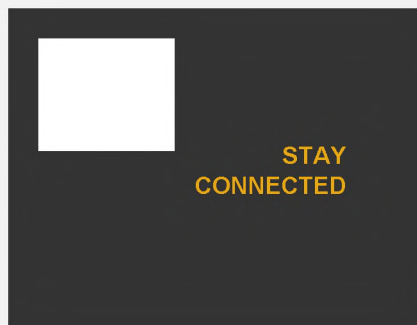
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