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(Washington, DC, January 18, 2008) Chairman of the NCPPP Arthur Smith (of Management Analysis Incorporated) made the following statement upon release of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission's report:

The National Council for Public-Private Partnerships recognizes the efforts of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission for highlighting the urgent need to develop a long-term plan for improving America's infrastructure. We concur with the Commission that our nation has reached a cross roads, and the time for action is now. The execution of a comprehensive plan to address these pressing transportation needs is vital to the nation's economy and quality of life.

The Commission is to be commended for recognizing the value of the collaboration between the public and private sectors to address these needs, particularly through the use of public-private partnerships. While PPPs are not the sole answer to the issues faced by our nation's economy, they are a vital component in the efforts to revive and sustain the current infrastructure. NCPPP is well-suited to assist both the federal and state governments in preparing a strategy which addresses this issue, as well as the avenues for raising the necessary funds.

During the formulation of this strategy, all revenue-generating scenarios should be explored, after which, the solution may emerge as a combination of the various options discussed. We agree with the Commission that public-private partnerships should be part of that answer. The National Council for Public-Private Partnerships believes that in time of budgetary limitations at all levels of government, it is imperative to maintain an effective and efficient infrastructure in order to maintain a globally competitive economy in order to facilitate an effective and efficient infrastructure. We look forward to working with Congress and the state governments in support of effective public policy solutions."