



## Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer: Transportation is our Future

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### **\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* Mr. Speaker, transportation is the key to the future economic growth of my district and our nation. For years, the Federal Highway Trust Fund has run deficits and fostered an environment of waste and frivolous spending. This week, Congress is poised to pass another short-term fix. While I applaud the efforts of Chairman Ryan and Schuster, my constituents need long-term answers and solutions to the transportation gridlock and congestion that stifles growth and expansion. Projects in my district, such as Interstate 94, which is one of the most congested corridors in the region, are slowing development and cost commuters valuable time and money while they're stuck in traffic. U.S. Highway 10 has become such an issue that cities are placing moratoriums on new business development. Mr. Speaker, this is a travesty, and my constituents have every right to be frustrated. I call upon this body to work to pass a long-term funding bill and give our constituents the certainty they deserve in their transportation system.

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