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***Midwestern Governors Association Releases Regional  
Transportation Recommendations***

**Washington, D.C.** –South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds, immediate past chair of the Midwest Governors Association (MGA), today released regional recommendations for the reauthorization of the federal transportation bill. These transportation recommendations were the cornerstone of Rounds' agenda as chair of the MGA, *Transportation for Energy, People and Products*.

An advisory group was formed last year to assist the governors and their staff in the development of these recommendations. The governors' recommendations focus on state and federal funding, urban and rural transit systems, and passenger and freight movement on the region's rails. Additionally, the document includes innovative approaches that the region's states have taken to address transportation challenges in the Midwest.

"Transportation serves as the backbone of our nation's economy, and the Midwest is a vital link in moving products and people across the country...and to our global partners," Rounds said. "These recommendations will emphasize the Midwest's role to Congress and help strengthen our region's economy."

"A solid transportation system is necessary for a prosperous economy," Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, MGA chair, said. "Midwestern recommendations for the upcoming reauthorization of the transportation bill will help protect our region's unique needs - border crossings, manufacturing and energy production."

The recommendations are available by visiting  
[www.midwesterngovernors.org/publications.htm](http://www.midwesterngovernors.org/publications.htm).

Under Rounds' leadership, the MGA has also called on Congress to address the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund. Visit  
[www.midwesterngovernors.org/resolutions.htm](http://www.midwesterngovernors.org/resolutions.htm).

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