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In Today's Bulletin:

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In the waning hours of the Regular Session, the question over whether to extend the Texas Department of Transportation remained uncertain. The House voted to extend the department for two years, despite its inability to authorize \$2 billion of general obligation bonds. The House's motion to extend without bond authorization would mean a reduction of \$2 billion for the 2011 letting.

Leaving the Senate with only the choice over whether to extend the department or not, the Senate voted to adjourn sine die without extending the department for another two years, essentially guaranteeing a special session and a platform upon which they can enable the appropriate legislation for \$2 billion worth of funding.

We are sincerely grateful to the Senators and the Lieutenant Governor for keeping this funding issue alive after the House adjourned. All members are encouraged to call Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst's office at 512.463.0001 to thank him for his leadership in ensuring that the highway industry still has a voice.

The Governor is scheduled to host a press conference today at 11:30 to discuss his plans resolving this issue. We will send updates as needed.

Thanks to all of you who called their legislators and wrote letters on behalf of this industry.

For any questions on this or other matters, please contact Jennifer Newton or Kristen Ogden at jnewton@agctx.org, or kogden@agctx.org.