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BIC Supports Road Bond Referendum

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - The West Virginia Business & Industry Council (BIC) is encouraging voters to support the Oct. 7 road bond referendum so the state can rebuild its aging infrastructure.

“Our members realize the importance of good roads and safe bridges to West Virginia’s economy, and we hope the voters recognize this is a rare opportunity to improve our infrastructure with existing revenues,” said BIC Chairman Chris Hamilton.

BIC is comprised of trade associations and companies from 26 industry classifications, representing some 400,000 workers in West Virginia. Hamilton said BIC’s diverse membership highlights the broad base of support for the road bond plan within the business community along with support from labor and community organizations all over West Virginia.

“The Legislature already approved the revenue stream for the road bonds, and Gov. Jim Justice has promised voters that this project will not require any tax increases. This is a win-win for West Virginia,” Hamilton said. “We have the rare opportunity to transform our roads and bridges so they are safer for motorists and reliable for commerce. BIC is asking voters to vote YES on Oct. 7.”

The Roads to Prosperity Amendment will be voted on during a special referendum Oct. 7, and early voting is Sept. 22-Oct 4.

For additional information, contact Chris Hamilton at (304) 342-4153.

The West Virginia Business & Industry Council’s membership includes trade associations and businesses from 26 separate industry classifications that represent some 400,000 workers in West Virginia. The organization works to enhance the business climate in West Virginia, and its members have been working to that end for more than three decades.

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