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## ALLARD WELCOMES KEY REVENUE ESTIMATES OF FAST ACT CHANGE COULD BRING \$50 BILLION IN NEW HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION REVENUE

Washington, D.C.– U.S. Senator Wayne Allard today announced a recent study conducted by the Fluor Corporation, one of the world's largest, publicly owned engineering, procurement, construction, and maintenance services organizations that shows the bipartisan FAST Act could generate as much as \$50 billion in new highway construction revenue for the most congested interstate highways if included in the six-year reauthorization bill.

"The key to a successful transportation bill is balancing responsible policy with adequate funding. This report proves that the FAST Act will generate substantial revenue while providing states with the flexibility they need to deal with a new generation of highway needs," said Allard.

The FAST Act lifts the prohibition on fee-based lanes on interstates under three conditions: (1) fees charged only on new lanes; (2) they are assessed electronically, and (3) they expire when the lanes are paid for. Congressman Mark Kennedy (R-MN) and Congressman Adam Smith (D-WA) have introduced a slightly different version of the bill in the House.

"As Congress tries to close the hole between highway needs and highway funding, we've discovered a \$50 billion plug," said Congressman Mark Kennedy. "That \$50 billion is a conservative number based on cautious and reasonable assumptions. Using FAST lanes on other roads would generate more revenue even beyond the \$50 billion."

"The FAST Act is critical to sustaining the nation's infrastructure and encouraging our economy to grow, particularly in tough economic times," said Congressman Adam Smith. "We need to ensure that we're giving state and local governments the flexibility and tools they need to meet this challenge. This bill gives states one more option to provide for their transportation needs."

The Poole study can also be found at [www.fluor.com/fastlanes](http://www.fluor.com/fastlanes).

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