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HIGHWAY BILL

Background:

Congress has a September 30, 2021 deadline to pass a surface transportation reauthorization bill (aka the highway bill). In 2020 the House passed its version that included motorcycle specific provisions on topics like automated vehicles, motorcycle only check points and advisory boards. These provisions were included with bipartisan support.

MRF Position:

The highway bill is a vital part of our transportation policy making system. The opportunity to dramatically impact our surface transportation system comes around only once every five years. Using this legislative vehicle to include important motorcycle specific priorities is a must. The House wisely included many of these provisions during committee markup in 2020. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is encouraged by the work of the House in 2020 and seeks continued support for motorcyclists in any permanent bill.

Request:

Support the inclusion of motorcycle specific language in the 2021 highway bill that will ensure motorcyclists are treated fairly in all federal policy.

Specific policies include:

Where applicable 2020 Highway Bill sections listed

- Preserving the Motorcycle Education & Awareness Program Grant Funding. (Sec. 3001)
- Preserving the ban on federal funding for motorcycle only checkpoints. (Sec. 3011)
- Preserving the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) to advise the FHWA. (Sec. 3013)
- Preserving language that collects motorcyclist profiling data. (Sec. 3505)
- Preserving mandate that autonomous vehicles must detect and respond to motorcycles. (Sec. 5304)
- Preserving the NHTSA Lobbying Ban and expand to other federal agencies.
- Preserving the language that motorcycles are not considered single-occupancy vehicles for HOV lane access.
- Ensure that motorcycles are not banned from federally funded roads.