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[Congress Passes Largest Rescue Package in U.S. History](#)

On March 26, the Senate, by a vote of 96-0, passed S. 3548, the CARES Act, the third coronavirus emergency supplemental. Less than 24 hours later, the House passed the \$2.1 trillion coronavirus relief package, which will provide aid to many Americans, small businesses, and major industries on the edge of economic collapse as a result of the pandemic. The bill, now signed into law, is [available here](#). Visit NAPA's [Legislative Update page](#) for more details about how this will affect the transportation industry.

[FHWA Letter to AASHTO](#) In this March 23 letter, FHWA encourages AASHTO to consider the safety of the nation's infrastructure workers when developing action plans to safeguard communities.

[COVID-19's Impact on Accreditation of Technicians, Laboratories](#)

The AASHTO Accreditation Program will add 30 days to the deadlines of any open accreditation events, and proficiency samples are being extended 28 days. Questions regarding how this further impacts your laboratory's accreditation can be directed to AASHTO Accreditation Program Manager, Brian Johnson at bjohnson@ashtoresource.org or (240) 436-4820. All on-site laboratory assessments are suspended until further notice. Questions regarding your upcoming assessment can be directed to Laboratory Assessment Program Manager, Maria Knake at mknake@ashtoresource.org or (240) 436-4804. For more information, [click here](#).



Employees Are Trusting Their Employers

According to the second edition of Haymarket Media's Coronavirus Briefing, people are putting more faith in information coming from their workplaces than they do in information from websites maintained by government agencies, healthcare companies, and traditional media or social media. NAPA encourages member companies to reach out to their employees safely and regularly



during these uncertain times. One good example is the [video](#) that Patrick Nelson, President & CEO of Lehman-Roberts Co., made to communicate with workers.

U.S. Energy Supply Chain Safe for Now

According to a Reuters article, there have been no disruptions to the U.S. energy supply chain due to the coronavirus outbreak, as contingency measures taken by oil and natural gas companies help keep supplies flowing, said Suzanne Lemieux, the American Petroleum Institute's head of operations security. [Click here](#) to read more.