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Good Roads endorses ASCE's 2012 Report Card for Louisiana's Infrastructure

Louisiana's top transportation advocacy group has endorsed four key elements of the American Society of Civil Engineers' 2012 Report Card for Louisiana's Infrastructure.

The Louisiana Good Roads and Transportation Association, at its April 5 meeting, endorsed the report card's findings on roads, bridges, aviation and ports. In that report card, Louisiana roads received a D, bridges received a D+, aviation received a C and ports received a C-.

"We believe it is important to have a sound transportation system, but you have to know what its condition is," Good Roads President Ken Perret said in announcing the endorsement. "The ASCE Report Card is a professionally executed assessment of our system, and it's my hope that more people take a second look at this landmark document."

"ASCE is honored to receive Good Roads' endorsement of the 2012 Report Card," said Joey Coco, ASCE's deputy director of the report card project. "We look forward to partnering with Good Roads to sound the alarm for the need to make wise investments in our infrastructure to improve Louisiana's economic competitive position and enhance our citizens' quality of life."

The unanimous endorsement was from Good Roads' board of directors, which includes three former secretaries of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and several former assistant secretaries.

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The endorsement says the board also “expresses support for the ASCE’s five key solutions for Raising the Grades.” Those solutions include:

- Governments should develop educational campaigns on how public infrastructure is developed, maintained and funded.
- The governor, legislature and other officials should strive for transparency in infrastructure spending to earn public trust.
- Elected officials should remind Louisiana citizens about the benefits of infrastructure investments.
- Elected officials should address the Report Card findings and put forth a plan to deal with each recommendation
- Elected officials should take advantage of civil engineers’ expertise when making decisions about infrastructure projects and programs.

The 2012 Report Card, released in January, was produced by more than 50 volunteers, mostly civil engineers from the public and private sectors across Louisiana. Modeled after ASCE’s report card on the nation’s infrastructure, this was the first report of its kind issued in Louisiana.

Louisiana Good Roads and Transportation Association is a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to fostering and promoting a program of planning, design, construction and maintenance of an adequate transportation system, sufficiently financed, which will conveniently and safely serve the transportation needs of the people of Louisiana.