

INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE HITS RECONCILIATION SPEED BUMP

After moving through the Senate with strong bipartisan support, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act has yet to pass the House of Representatives. This legislation provides the propane industry with access to more than \$7 billion in funding for transportation projects, including refueling stations, school buses, and marine applications. This delay results from political differences within the Democratic party and Republican concern about the proposed \$3.5 trillion reconciliation package. Despite the delayed House vote, NPGA is cautiously optimistic the infrastructure package will pass later this year as the Biden Administration feels increased pressure to deliver a political victory ahead of the 2022 mid-term elections.

PROVIDING PEAK DEMAND

As peak demand season begins, propane supply is below the five-year average range due to market conditions impacted by global events. NPGA's Propane Supply and Logistics Committee and Propane Suppliers Section hold monthly meetings to share information and assess challenges. New and updated resources for marketers are on NPGA's Member Dashboard. In addition to communicating with government officials, NPGA is providing weekly crop reports to assist in communicating with agricultural customers. NPGA's Propane Logistics Analysis Network tool to maximize hours of service is available to all industry members via the NPGAction app or <http://plan.npga.org>.

ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING

On February 7, 2022, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) will mandate that all new commercial driver's license applicants and endorsement applicants must successfully complete classroom and behind-the-wheel training before they are eligible for the state CDL or endorsement exams. NPGA and PERC are collaborating to complete development of curriculum to satisfy the Entry-Level Driver Training mandate, providing the necessary resources to administer in-house classroom and behind-the-wheel training.

NPGA is finalizing our new Administrative Compliance Experts (ACE) services. ACE will serve as the Registered Training Provider, shielding you from FMCSA audit and ushering your new drivers through the education/ training requirements. NPGA rolled out ACE at the 2021 Southeastern Convention & International Propane Expo. Learn more at npga.org/ACE

