NAPA, ASU, AGS & NAC Host Summit on Transportation Infrastructure Investment:
"Building a Shared Map of the Nation's Infrastructure to Enable Smart Investments"

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Academy of Public Administration, Arizona State University, the American Geographical Society and the National Academy of Construction today held a joint summit to explore strategies for providing federal, state and local leaders with the key information they need to assess and prioritize transportation and other infrastructure investments.

The event, *"Building a Shared Map of the Nation's Infrastructure to Enable Smart Investments,"* gathered leaders in public administration, infrastructure development, geography, geographic information systems, and data integration/open data at Arizona State University's (ASU) Tempe campus, while allowing audience members at ASU's Washington, DC center to participate remotely via videoconference.

"According to the American Society of Civil Engineers' 2017 report card, the state of the nation's infrastructure is dismal and the cost of repair is $4.6 trillion," said Teresa Gerton, President and CEO of the National Academy of Public Administration. "Decision makers are faced with an overwhelming task to prioritize where investment is most urgently needed without the benefit of systemic, comparable, location-based information about our infrastructure assets. Creating an integrated map of the country's infrastructure is the first step in getting our arms around this daunting challenge, and our summit brought together key experts whose perspective and experience can help make this a reality."

The summit focused on the following issues:

o The current state of location-based information on national infrastructure and constraints on systematic access to data.

o Efforts to integrate location-based data systems across jurisdictions to identify potential building blocks for a national-scale integration effort.

- The perspective of stakeholder communities on the needs that a national infrastructure map should address and key impediments to successful integration efforts. (e.g., lack of resources/capabilities, jurisdictional conflicts)

- Strategies for enabling more systematic access to existing data at the national scale and addressing related issues. (e.g., lack of uniform standards)

- The role of government and the public administration capabilities needed to implement such strategies, including those needed to coordinate across government jurisdictions and to effectively tap private sector expertise.

For more information about the event, including a detailed agenda, speakers and panelists, and video of the sessions, please click here.

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