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| **GAO Cites Highway Trust Fund As High Risk Area**  The Government Accountability Office (GAO) frequently reports on operations of the U.S. Government that it has identified as high risk.  Among the areas cited in the most recent [GAO report](http://www.gao.gov/assets/660/652133.pdf) is the system that funds our nation’s surface transportation program. The GAO report concludes that “Continuing to fund the Highway Trust Fund through general revenues may not be sustainable given competing demands and the federal government’s fiscal challenges. A sustainable solution is based on balancing revenues to and spending from the Highway Trust Fund. New revenues from users can come only from taxes and fees, and ultimately major changes in transportation spending, revenues, or both will be needed to bring the two into balance.”  It is likely that our Board-approved America Fast Forward initiative will be among those remedies Congress seriously considers as it endeavors to make the Highway Trust Fund solvent during the current 113th Congress.  [**http://www.gao.gov/assets/660/652133.pdf**](http://www.gao.gov/assets/660/652133.pdf) |
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