



## AMERICANS FOR MODERN TRANSPORTATION

### Twin 33s are a Win-Win for Consumers, Communities, Businesses and Jobs

Americans for Modern Transportation (AMT) seeks to improve both the safety and efficiency of our nation's transportation system by advocating for policies that will modernize the delivery of freight and packages to businesses and consumers across the country. Our proposal seeks to modernize outdated regulations and allow for a modest 5-foot increase on twin trailers that travel on our nation's highways.

#### A WIN FOR CONSUMERS

The modest increase from 28 feet to 33 feet on the current national twin trailer standard will result in increased efficiency and lead to fewer trucks on the road. More freight per truck means reduced costs for carriers and lower prices for consumers. Transportation Economist Noel Perry found that increasing the national length to Twin 33s would receive a 10 percent reduction in operating costs for shippers and a 5 percent savings on door-to-door goods for consumers.

#### TRANSPORTATION UPDATES SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITIES, JOBS, BUSINESSES

The AMT proposal includes enhanced safety features as trucks travel on the existing national highway network in a Twin 33 configuration. These updates would include automatic emergency braking system, a speed limiting device capped at 68 miles per hour, electronic stability control and on-board safety video recorder.

It is estimated that tens of thousands of truck tractors and longer trailers will need to be purchased new or retrofitted with the proposed safety technologies, injecting hundreds of millions of dollars of capital expenditures into the U.S. economy.

#### THE TIME IS NOW

Domestically, e-commerce sales have grown from \$42 billion in 2002 to \$446 billion in 2017, and the Department of Transportation forecasts a 45% increase in freight volumes by 2045. Increasing the national twin trailer standard from 28 feet to 33 feet will bring immediate benefits.