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## **Boehner floats six-month extension - Conferees keep working - Broun MTI vote today - House offers bike, ped language - Streamlining proposal coming soon**

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**USHSR PUSHES BACK:** The U.S. High-Speed Rail Authority is fighting back against some of the recent bad press on the state's \$68 billion plan. In an email to supporters, USHSR President and CEO Andy Kunz targeted the Reason Foundation, the Heritage Foundation and the Cato Institute, which he said "receive significant funding from oil and road interests who view high-speed rail as a threat to their profits." And he has a laundry list of what they've done to hurt the oft-discussed project. "Together these think-tanks have been cranking out a flood of negative op-eds, opinion pieces, 'studies,' articles and stories full of myths, inaccuracies, distortions, exaggerations and outlandish claims in an attempt to discredit high-speed rail and the many benefits it will deliver to America."

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