

GMA NEWSROOM

The Geosynthetic Materials Association (GMA) is the industry's touchpoint for information and advocacy.

A division of Industrial Fabrics Association International (IFAI), the GMA can help you in the areas of engineering support, business development, education, industry recognition—and in this case, in government relations.

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The Geosynthetic Materials Association (GMA), a division of the Industrial Fabrics Association International (IFAI), is the central resource for information on geosynthetics. GMA provides a forum for consistent and accurate information to increase acceptance and promote the correct use of geosynthetics.

GMA actively identifies, assesses, analyzes and acts upon market growth opportunities and issues that affect its member companies. Activities center on five areas: engineering support, business development, education, government relations and industry recognition.

FAST Act = Big Win for Geosynthetics

The Geosynthetic Materials Association (GMA) and our 80+ member companies, applaud the passage of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act). The FAST Act included the following language which is very important to GMA and the entire surface transportation construction community:

Section 1428: Use of Durable, Resilient, and Sustainable Materials and Practices

To the extent practicable, the Secretary shall encourage the use of durable, resilient, and sustainable materials and practices, including the use of **geosynthetic materials** and other innovative technologies, in carrying out the activities of the Federal Highway Administration.

GMA appreciates the bill's focus on the incorporation of innovative technology into the rapidly evolving transportation marketplace. GMA's manufacturers and distributors are a critical part of transportation construction, all the while providing innovative materials that deliver cost savings and longevity for civil infrastructure applications.

GMA's government relations program is commitment to educating government officials about the long-lasting, environmentally friendly, and structural attributes of our industry's products, applications, and services. The geosynthetics amendment introduced by Rep. Chuck Fleischmann (R-Tenn.) and included in FAST Act, was a direct result of GMA's government relations program.

Our industry now has a law on the books that encourages the use of geosynthetics and identifies geosynthetics as a leading innovative material that the Federal Highway Administration "**shall**" consider. This is a big win for GMA and its supporters, and a key indicator that the geosynthetics industry has never been stronger.

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