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The DIRT you need to know this week...

**Our Final Candidate
Happy Hour is
Wednesday!**

 Wednesday, August 19
 4:00–6:00 PM

 Il Toro E La Capra
6435 S Decatur Blvd
Las Vegas, NV 89118

You won't want to miss this
one! If you haven't already
RSVP'd, email
jennifer@nucalasvegas.com.



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SAFETY RESOURCE OF THE WEEK
TOOLBOX TALKS



Looking for an easy way to keep safety top-of-mind with your crew? Did you know NUCA provides a huge resource at your fingertips?

NUCA National has a large collection of **Toolbox Talks** covering a wide range of safety topics on their website.

Whether you need a quick topic for your next safety meeting or want to build out a regular toolbox talk program, there's a lot of good stuff here.

👉 Check out NUCA's resources here: [NUCA Toolbox Talks](#)



Surface Transportation Bill Update

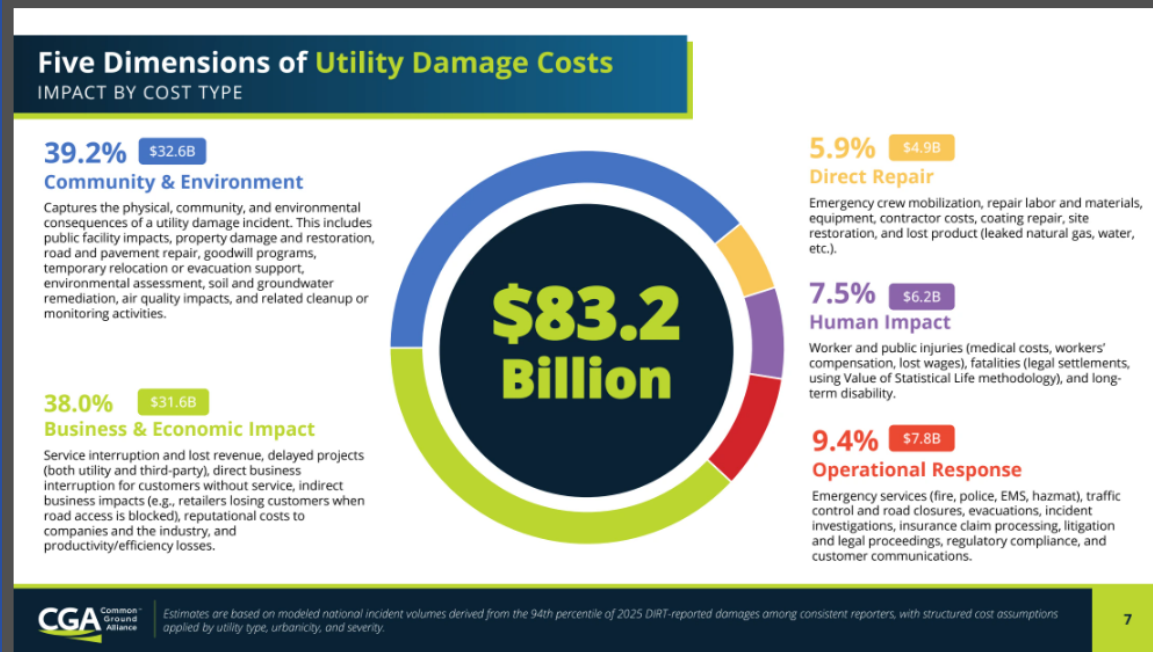
Congress entered its month-long summer recess in early August without taking final votes on the surface transportation bill. Legislation to reauthorize the programs or provide a short-term extension must be enacted by October 1, 2026, to avoid a shutdown of the Federal-aid highway and Federal Transit programs. The five-year BUILD America Act includes \$474.4 billion in contract authority from the Highway Trust Fund for federal highway and bridge, public transportation, and roadway safety programs.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee advanced the NUCA-supported BUILD America 250 Act (H.R. 8850) on May 21, but the full House did not act before its August recess. Senate Environment and Public Works Chair Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) wants full reauthorization by September 30 but has acknowledged that a short-term extension may be needed. She plans to release legislative text and hold a committee markup in September. NUCA and other organizations have urged Congress to maintain full funding to avoid project delays.

NEW REPORT

Utility Damage Costs the U.S. \$83.2 Billion Annually

Damage to buried utility lines **cost the U.S. economy an estimated \$83.2 billion in 2025** – nearly triple our previous 2019 estimate of \$30 billion. CGA's new report, **Between the Lines: The True Cost of Damage to America's Buried Utilities**, breaks down where that money goes and why the damage prevention industry's work matters more than ever.



[Read Full Report Here](#)

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As the leading national voice for the underground excavation industry, NUCA delivers powerful advocacy, safety leadership, workforce development resources, damage-prevention programs, and nationwide networking that strengthen operations and keep your company ahead of regulatory and market changes.

Need more info? Ready to join? Email jennifer@nucalasvegas.com.

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