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# FEDERAL UPDATE

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## IOWA DELEGATION IN THE 117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS - HOUSE

### ***Committee assignments for new Representatives likely in early January***

- New members:
  - Representative-elect Ashley Hinson (R) in Iowa 1
  - Representative-elect Marianne Miller-Meeks (R)\* in Iowa 2
  - Representative-elect Randy Feenstra (R) in Iowa 4
- Returning:
  - Representative Cindy Axne (D) in Iowa 3 – likely to stay on Agriculture

## IOWA DELEGATION IN THE 117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS - SENATE

### Returning:

- Senator Grassley (R)
  - ends term as chair of Finance Committee (deals with HTF)
- Senator Ernst (R)
  - expected to remain on Environment and Public Works
  - re-elected as vice chair of the Senate Republican Conference

## INCOMING ADMINISTRATION – TRANSPORTATION OUTLOOK

- Reported nominee for Transportation Secretary: Pete Buttigieg
- “Green Infrastructure” theme links:
  - Transportation, broadband, etc.
  - Climate initiatives
  - Job creation / economic stimulus

## BUNDLED MEASURE REPORTEDLY UNDER NEGOTIATION:

Could combine:

- FY 21 omnibus appropriations, including USDOT – no text yet
- COVID-19 relief
  - \$748 billion, with \$45 billion for specific modes – text out yesterday
  - \$160 for aid to state and local governments (UNLIKELY to be included)

## POSSIBLE COVID-19 RELIEF – WITHIN THE \$748 BILLION PACKAGE:

\$45 billion for certain transportation modes

- Airports - \$4 billion (includes \$50 million for GA, \$23 million for EAS)
- Transit - \$15 billion (includes \$13.27 urbanized areas, \$1 billion rural areas)
- Amtrak - \$1 billion (includes \$420 million for the National Network)
- Over-the-Road Buses - \$8 billion (includes eligibility for school buses)
- Airlines - \$17 billion (employee payroll /benefits, with required point-to-point service)