

# FEDERAL UPDATE – JUNE 23, 2021



## Two main topics

	Infrastructure package (plus?) in general		Reauthorization (deadline Sept. 30)	
	American Jobs Plan, etc. and successors	Various bipartisan plans	Senate bills	House T&I INVEST in America
Status	On-going negotiations		S 1931–EPW passed 20-0 S 2016-CS&T passed 25-3	Passed by T&I 38-26 <b>Floor vote: ~ July 1</b>
Provides	One-time funding	One-time funding	Multi-year funding levels, on-going and new programs, policies	Multi-year funding levels, on-going and new programs, policies
Transp. modes covered	All modes	All modes	<u>So far:</u> Highway, rail/multimodal <u>Missing titles:</u> Transit, revenue	<u>So far:</u> All modes, revenue <u>Missing titles:</u> --

## Reauthorization – Senate bills

- **Highway** funding over the life of the bill: 22% increase factoring in inflation
  - Core programs retained
  - Examples of new discretionary programs -
    - Bridge Investment
    - Rural Surface Transportation Grants

## Reauthorization - Senate bills

- **Climate Change**, including:
  - Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grants
  - Carbon Reduction Program
  - PROTECT (resilience)
  
- **Planning and Performance Management**, including:
  - States and MPOs must spend 2.5% of SPR funds on adoption of Complete Streets standards and policies

## Reauthorization – Senate bills

- **Multimodal / Freight** section
  - National Infrastructure Project Assistance
  - Local and Regional Project Assistance
  - INFRA changes
  
- No transit title, yet

## Reauthorization – House “INVEST in America Act”

- FY 22: extension plus extra funds (earmarks+); FY 23 – 26: new programs, increases
- **Highway** funding over the life of the bill: 34% increase factoring in inflation
  - Retains core programs, adds carbon reduction, disaster preparedness, and EV charging
  - New competitive programs of interest include:
    - Community Transportation Investment Grants
    - Community Climate Innovation Grants
    - Rebuild Rural Bridges Grants
    - many others related to truck parking, active transportation, wildlife crossings, etc.

## Reauthorization – House INVEST in America Act

- **Climate change**
  - Provisions throughout
- **Planning, Performance Management and Asset Management**
  - In general, for metro and statewide planning, adds to various lists of considerations, etc. -
    - Carbon pollution, emissions reduction and climate change
    - Resilience and hazard mitigation
    - Accessibility and equity
    - Housing and land use policies
    - Performance-based planning and access factors for project selection

## Reauthorization – House INVEST in America Act

- **Multimodal Transportation**
  - National Multimodal Freight Network:
    - New deadline for designation: 90 days after enactment
    - Adds critical **urban** multimodal corridors
  - Climate and equity consideration:
    - state freight plans
      - national multimodal freight policy and strategic plan
- **Earmarks** - ~1,470, with 10 in Iowa – **not final**

## Highway Trust Fund status

- Most recent CBO estimate: without additional revenue or a transfer of funds, HTF will become insolvent sometime in the summer of 2022
- House bill would add \$148 billion - *with continued revenue*, would carry HTF through FY 26