
FEDERAL UPDATE

JUNE 20, 2017



FFY 17: APPROPRIATIONS

- Omnibus passed May 5
 - Provides FAST Act increases for highway and transit
 - AIP continues at the current level – also funds Essential Air Service and Small Community Air Service
 - \$500 million for TIGER (must be written into an approps bill)

FFY 18: THE ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET PROPOSAL

- ***Congress will not enact as written but may be a starting point***
- FAST Act levels for hwy and transit for FFY 18, but no increase for FFY 19&20
- Eliminates: TIGER, EAS (mostly) and SCAS, Amtrak long-distance routes, new transit capital investment (fixed guideway, some BRT)

EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND RULEMAKING

- In general:
 - administration Executive Orders: continued/increased but mostly delays
 - agency rulemakings: ground nearly to a halt
- PM2 and PM3
 - Most provisions went into effect May 20
 - GHG provisions indefinitely delayed – future separate rulemaking

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT – ADMIN CONCEPT

- Few details
- Expedited permitting
- Private investment
- ATC reform (General Aviation concerns)

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT – ADMIN. CONCEPT (CONT.)

- \$800 billion in investments over 10 years, *spurred by*:
- \$200 billion federal investment (no source specified)
 1. “grants and loans for transformative projects” (\$15B)
 2. **“grants to rural areas for bridges, roads, waterways” (\$25B)** (*or an entire “rural communities” title?*)
 3. **“incentivized programs with grants to states and municipalities to create additional funding for infrastructure” (\$100B)**

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT – ADMIN. CONCEPT (CONT.)

- Covers: surface and air transportation PLUS waterways, drinking water, broadband, VA facilities
- No list of projects (per Sec. Chao)
- Major talking point: permitting reform

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT – OTHER APPROACHES

- Smaller-scale bills introduced, plus:
- “Blueprint” – Senate Democrats (1/24)
 - \$1 trillion/10 years (from closing loopholes), mostly formula
- H Con Res 63 introduced - House Progressive Caucus (5/25)
 - \$2 trillion/10 years (from closing loopholes, Wall Street transaction fees, and repatriation revenue)
 - “overwhelming majority” would be direct investment

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT – AASHTO

- AASHTO resolution (selected points):
 - We need an infrastructure package this year, with the focus on transportation
 - It should provide a sustainable revenue source for the HTF
 - private sector investment can help, but direct funding rather than financing is best

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT - OUTLOOK

- Administration bill – out in July?
- Action in Congress?
- Bottom line: unlikely to pass this year

FFY 17 TIGER AND FASTLANE

- FASTLANE
 - awards for some projects possible in July
 - Followed by another NOFO for the rest of the funds
- TIGER (funded in the omnibus for this year)
 - NOFO may follow the new FASTLANE NOFO
- *For both: project-types awarded MAY be similar to infra. investment package*

QUESTIONS?