

FEDERAL UPDATE

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SPENDING CAP DEAL (A.K.A. BIPARTISAN BUDGET DEAL) - OVERVIEW

- Signed Feb. 9 to avoid automatic cuts
- Added funds for non-defense discretionary (incl. transportation):
 - FY '18 - \$63 billion, FY '19 - \$68 billion
 - Of that:
 - "Infrastructure" carve-out - \$20 billion (\$10 billion each year)
 - Most of the rest to committees

SPENDING CAP DEAL / FY '18 OMNIBUS

- Apparently reflected in omnibus – no text, but early reports are out:
 - "\$10 billion for 'Infrastructure'
 - "\$2.55 billion for federal highway program"
 - "\$1 billion increase for TIGER" ???
- May still need a stop-gap – no guarantees

PROPOSED ADMIN. INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN - OVERVIEW

- 53-page outline, consistent with earlier descriptions
- Could address many needs across the county
- Spans ten years, many types of infrastructure, incl. transportation
 - \$200 billion federal
 - + state, local and private funds
 - ~ **\$1.5 trillion investment**
- Policy provisions address permitting, regulations, workforce, etc.
- Congress will write any actual bill

PROPOSED ADMIN. INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN – RURAL PROGRAM

- \$40 billion in block grants, divided among Governors
 - Iowa's share roughly estimated at \$1 billion, all in the first year
 - As currently written, for projects in areas at or under 50K population
- Also \$10 billion for grants – possibly application-based

PROPOSED ADMIN. INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN - INCENTIVE PROGRAM

- \$100 billion – application-based
- Main criterion – new non-federal revenue
- look-back provision – little credit for gas tax increase in March 2015

PROPOSED ADMIN. INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN - CONCERNS

- No fix for the Highway Trust Fund / existing programs
 - Drastic cuts in 2020-2021
- No pay-for for new programs
- Minimal consideration under the Incentive Program for Iowa's fuel tax increase

OUTLOOK FOR AN INFRASTRUCTURE BILL

- Administration still engaged
- Congress is motivated to pass *something* this year
- House Speaker Ryan: instead of one major bill, pass a group of smaller bills –
 - FAA and WRDA reauthorization
 - Permitting reform
 - "traditional infrastructure like roads and bridges"

FY '17 TIGER - OVERVIEW

- FY '17 announcements:
 - 41 projects in 43 states
 - Congratulations to Burlington! - \$17 million

FY '17 TIGER – FUNDING PER MODE

- Roads 77% (some with other elements)
- Maritime 9%
- Freight rail 7%
- Transit 4% (large drop)
- Passenger rail 3% (one project)

FY '17 TIGER – OTHER FUNDING OUTCOMES

- Rural projects 64%
- Freight-related 55% (seems to be an increase)
- Average award: 33% of total project cost
- BCAs: all but four were positive

FY '18 TIGER

- Apparently included in omnibus at "\$1 billion increase" ???
- Notice of Funding Opportunity may follow shortly

FY '17 / FY '18 INFRA

- Secretary Chao: awards in early June?
- Iowa DOT application for the I-80 / I-380 interchange

BUS AND BUS FACILITIES COMPETITIVE GRANTS

- FY '17
 - No awards announced yet
- FY '18
 - No Notice of Funding Opportunity yet

QUESTIONS?