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- Transportation Thursdays
 - Let us know if you don't get it and want to
- Attending member events



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NARC Transportation Policy

- Primarily reorganization, update for the FAST Act
- Made changes to better emphasize legislative requests
- Broke out a section about implementation



NARC Transportation Policy

Recommendations:

system and advanced the integration of urban, suburban, and rural interests.

- Increase transportation funding at all levels of government; appropriations bills should fully fund the levels provided in authorization legislation for all transportation modes.
- Increase and index federal fuel taxes in the near-term while exploring new revenue sources that will

of local governments and their regional planning organizations.

- ~~Expedite project delivery and eliminate duplicative or redundant processes; and recognize MPOs as full partners in expediting project delivery.~~
- ~~Recognize the critical role of regional councils in supporting local, regional, and national economies through planning and implementing of vital transportation projects.~~



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NARC Supports Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization That:

- Increases the overall funding levels of federal transportation programs. Congress should increase and index federal fuel taxes and encourage the search for new and additional revenue sources to provide sustainable and predictable funding into the future.
- Increases the suballocated share of the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).
- ~~Provides additional funding for integrated regional plans by~~ Increases funding for metropolitan planning (PL).
- Provides flexibility in determining MPO boundaries.
- Requires MPO representation on Freight Advisory Committees
- Increases flexibility within CMAQ to provide 100% funding for a wider variety of projects.
- Authorizes Regional Infrastructure Improvement Zones (RIIZs), a federal tax code change to allow businesses and individuals to make tax deductible contributions toward a regionally-approved infrastructure project.



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NARC Supports Federal Transportation Implementation That:

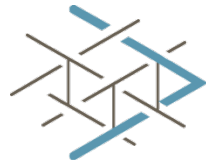
- Results in rulemakings that are timely, thoroughly vetted, and well-reasoned.
- Recognizes the burden that federal requirements places on regional councils and MPOs, and works to implement each federal requirement in a manner that reduces this burden to the greatest extent possible.
- Creates federal performance measures that maintain the autonomy of MPOs and take into account the importance of locally-defined policies and priorities. Federal performance regulations should be constructed to recognize the importance of multimodal decision making and not focus solely on roadway congestion and vehicle speed and throughput.

NARC Supports Federal Passenger Rail Legislation That:

- Funds Amtrak and passenger rail to meet local and regional needs, including capital and operational needs.
- Establishes a sustainable funding mechanism to continue broad-based, nation-wide passenger rail service, including funding metropolitan and non-metropolitan opportunities to expand rail service.
- Encourages and enables public-private partnerships to generate investment capital for rail infrastructure and operations.
- Invests in high-speed rail.



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