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CONGRESS BRIEF

Congress Unlikely to Repeat Successes of Last Year

Congress returned from the holiday break, fresh off some notable legislative victories like passage of transportation reauthorization (FAST Act) and a massive spending and tax extenders package. There is wide agreement that 2016 will be less robust in terms of legislative victories, largely because the presidential election is about to heat up. This leaves an open question regarding the likelihood of at least one quickly approaching deadline - the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization extension, which expires March 31. The end of the fiscal year could also be challenging for spending bills that expire at the end of September. 2016 is likely to see a lot of gridlock and numerous extensions.

ADMINISTRATION BRIEF

National Aging and Disability Transportation Center

FTA created the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC), a technical assistance center that offers guidance and support to transportation providers, advocacy groups, and individuals. NADTC will help expand travel options and promote the availability of FTA funding that improves mobility for older adults and individuals with disabilities. The center will encourage specialized transportation services that maximize the reach of FTA's **Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities grant program** and other transit investments.

Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Dashboard Update

FTA updated the Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Dashboard with information reflecting grants

awarded as of September 30, 2015. Several transit authorities and cities received grant money to help with recovery. The Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program helps states and public transportation systems pay for protecting, repairing, and replacing facilities that may have suffered damage during natural disasters.

Climate Change Resilience Pilots

FHWA, state DOTs, and MPOs assessed transportation vulnerability and options for improving resiliency during the 2013-2015 Climate Change Resilience program. A final report from FHWA will be released this year and the data and experiences will be used to update the *Climate Change & Extreme Weather Vulnerability Assessment Framework*.

REGIONS BRIEF

ODOT recognizes NOACA Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) recently recognized the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) and the Transportation Asset Management Program as a successful Regional Model of Cooperation under the Every Day Counts initiative. The TLCI provides federal funding and technical assistance to help communities improve quality of life and livability. Recently, 19 TLCI grants were awarded by the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) to improve the multimodal transportation system.

JOBS

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Manager of Communications and Public Engagement

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Springfield, MA

Information Systems Specialist II

West Florida Regional Planning Council, Pensacola, FL

OPPORTUNITIES

View full list of grants and events!

The New Federal Transportation Bill: What's the Impact on Safe Routes to School?

January 14, 1:00 – 2:00 PM ET

This webinar will review the changes to TAP along with other provisions in the FAST Act that provide opportunities for Safe Routes to School funding and policies that make communities safer for kids and families walking and bicycling. Q&A will follow.

The Role of Commercial Establishment Surveys in Freight Behavior Research; and the Modeling of Freight Trip Generation, Freight Generation, and Service Trips

January 28, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

FHWA will outline the role of commercial establishment surveys in regional and statewide transportation planning, freight demand forecasting, and modeling. Presenters will discuss common methods and approaches to collecting the survey data, as well as typical challenges encountered when conducting the surveys. This webinar will also describe the use of data obtained via establishment-level surveys to estimate disaggregate Freight Generation, Freight Trip Generation, and Service Trip Generation models.

2016 Safe Streets Summit

January 29, 8:30 AM ET - DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel; Deerfield Beach, Florida

Join the Broward MPO for their 2016 Safe Streets Summit and have the opportunity to hear from several Complete Streets experts.

Data Visualization Methods for Transportation Agencies Survey

The National Cooperative Highway Research Program is researching data visualization methods for transportation agencies. The project includes putting together a guide to support transportation

professionals in displaying data in a way that connects with an audience and supports understanding of transportation issues. The guide will be published as an interactive website and traditional report.

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