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CONGRESS BRIEF

FAA Reauthorization: Air Traffic Control Fight Heating Up

This week, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster (R-PA) and Aviation Subcommittee Chairman Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ) introduced the *Aviation Innovation*, *Reform, and Reauthorization (AIRR) Act*. AIRR funds FAA until 2022 and establishes an independent, not-for-profit corporation for air traffic control services. Ranking Member Peter DeFazio (D-OR) stated that he will propose an amendment during the bill markup next week removing the air traffic control privatization plan. Both Senate and House appropriators voiced criticism in recent letters and the airline industry is divided on the proposal. The current FAA authorization expires on March 31; however, all the conflict surrounding this issue could require another short term extension before a long term bill is passed.

ADMINISTRATION BRIEF

USDOT Releases Assessment of Communications Technology for Connected Vehicles

USDOT released a new report to Congress on the status of dedicated short—range communications (DSRC). DSRC is a Wi-Fi derivative technology that provides the capability for connected vehicle technology and applications. The report highlights gaps in the technology and recommends an implementation plan as well as the significance of DSRC to the transportation community.

REGIONS BRIEF

Why Are States About to Get \$2 Billion in Extra Road Money?

Although Congress banned earmarks several years ago, a provision in the 2016 omnibus spending bill frees up funding from old transportation project earmarks for new projects. If a state DOT used

less than ten percent of the funding and the earmark is over ten years old, then the money is eligible to be used for a new project that is a part of the transportation improvement plan. In the coming weeks Congress will update the list of earmarks that are subject to this new provision and provide guidance on reporting and notification.

JOBS

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Article on the Three City of Columbus Listings Below

Public Service Director, Cabinet-Level

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Technology Director, Cabinet-Level

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Public Safety Director, Cabinet-Level

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Transportation Administration Manager

Alamo Area Council of Governments, San Antonio, TX

Transportation Operations Manager

Alamo Area Council of Governments, San Antonio, TX

OPPORTUNITIES

View full list of grants and events!

Tampa (THEA) CV Pilot Site Concept of Operations Webinar

February 8, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ET

USDOT has selected three pilot sites for the Connected Vehicle Pilot Deployment Program. The Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority (THEA) leads the Tampa THEA Pilot project that aims to deploy a variety of connected vehicle technologies on and within the vicinity of the Lee Roy Selmon Expressway reversible express lanes in downtown Tampa. In addition to the Expressway, the deployment area contains bus and trolley services, high pedestrian densities, special event trip generators, and highly variable traffic demand over the course of a typical day. The project team will deploy vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure safety, mobility, and agency data applications to create reinforcing benefits for motorists, pedestrians, and transit operation. This Concept of Operations webinar is the first of three webinars focusing on issues to be addressed at the deployment site, the deployment concept, and insights gained from stakeholder engagement activities during concept development process.

Regional Models of Cooperation -- Congestion Management

February 11, 1:00 – 2:30 PM ET

FHWA and FTA's Regional Models of Cooperation initiative is part of the Every Day Counts 3 program. Transportation congestion impacts the daily lives of many who live or work in urban areas, and it is a complex issue that frequently crosses planning jurisdictions in metropolitan areas. MPOs often work together with neighboring MPOs, local jurisdictions, and state DOTs to comprehensively measure and address congestion at a regional scale. This webinar will feature examples from 2-3 regions where MPOs and their partners are working together across jurisdictions to manage congestion.

TMIP Webinar: introduction to GreenSTEP, the RSPM, and Related Strategic Planning Models

February 11, 2:00 – 4:00 PM ET

This is the first of three webinars on the GreenSTEP and Regional Strategic Planning Model (RSPM). GreenSTEP is an open-source model that was developed at the Oregon DOT to enable state

planners and policy makers to analyze the effects of alternative strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector. RSPM was developed from GreenSTEP to model metropolitan areas. These models operate in the middle ground between advanced travel demand models and simpler sketch planning tools. This webinar will focus on the motivation for building the GreenSTEP model and the policy issues it was built to analyze, design overview and major features, other related models, and more.

National Transit Database Uniform System of Accounts Updates

February 18, 2:00 – 4:00 PM ET

Join FTA at a webinar to learn about the proposed changes to the Uniform System Accounts used in the National Transit Database (NTD), FTA's primary database for statistics on the transit industry. More than 800 transit providers in urbanized areas report to the NTD through its online reporting system.

The New Federal Transportation Bill: What Does It Mean for the Walking Movement?

February 24, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ET

Examine the FAST Act legislation passed in December 2015 and discuss ways that traditional and new programs in the legislation can be used by advocates and organizations as they work on active transportation projects at the local, state, and regional level. Hear from experts on what the legislation says and how it can be leveraged for current and future work followed by a question and answer session.

National Multimodal Access Management Survey

Complete by March 1

This survey is being conducted for the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP Project 03-120, Assessing Interactions Between Access Management and Multimodal Users). Your responses to this survey will provide valuable information about the ways access management treatments interact with non-auto modes. Your input will also help the project team determine analysis priorities and potential case study locations. The methods and tools developed through this study will be incorporated into industry tools and publications, such as the AASHTO *Green Book, Highway Capacity Manual, and Highway Safety Manual.* The survey contains 15 questions and should take about 15-20 minutes to complete.

6th TRB Conference on Innovations in Travel Modeling (ITM)

May 1-4, Denver, Colorado

This conference series is the premier forum for sharing the latest developments in travel modeling, networking with fellow professionals, and identifying research and implementation challenges and issues associated with deploying cutting-edge computational methods to meet evolving planning contexts. The conference will feature a series of sessions that address a wide range of topics related to innovations in travel modeling as well as workshops, tutorials, lightening talks, and discussion sessions.

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

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

2016 Border to Border Transportation Conference Call for Papers

Yuma, Arizona on November 15-17

The 6th Bi-Annual Border to Border Transportation Conference serves as a fountain of information on different aspects of transportation planning. It is an ideal forum for sharing ideas and data pertaining to transportation analysis, land use, public transportation, and much more. If

you are interested in being a speaker at this event, please submit a brief summary on the topic of your presentation by either fax (956-969-5821) or email. Please make sure to include your name, title, name of organization, and contact information.

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