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TRANSPORTATION THURSDAYS

CONGRESS BRIEF

Hatch Pans House Repatriation Plan

Senate Finance Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-UT) is working with business interests to throw cold water on the House's proposal to use international corporate tax overhaul, also known as repatriation, to fund a transportation reauthorization bill. Repatriation, a concept for transportation funding supported by House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-WI), President Obama, and some Senate Republicans, would tax overseas corporate earnings at a lower rate that is currently in place, and then commit some or all of the earnings to the Highway Trust Fund. Chairman Ryan and others believe they can win over business interests by coupling the move with a reduction in the rate companies would be required to pay on overseas earnings. **Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) has summarily ruled out** using repatriation for transportation, but the Senate-passed DRIVE Act, a six-year reauthorization proposal, contains only three years of funding and relies primarily on budgetary gimmicks that require ten years to accrue.

ADMINISTRATION BRIEF

Senate Confirms Two Posts

Gregory G. Nadeau was sworn in on Tuesday as the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Nadeau previously held the position of Deputy Administrator since 2009 and had been serving as Acting Administrator since May. The Senate confirmed his nomination shortly before departing for its August recess. The Senate also confirmed **Marie T. Dominguez** as Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

REGIONS BRIEF

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Hillsborough MPO Receives Grant for Social Justice in Transportation

The Hillsborough MPO in Tampa, Florida and Metro Oregon in Portland, Oregon will partner to study social justice in transportation investments under a grant from the National Institute for Transportation & Communities (NITC). They will consider factors such as access to job opportunities, access to adequate bus services, and air quality.

JOBS

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Transportation Intern

National Association of Regional Councils, Washington, DC

Assistant Director of Local Authority

Alamo Area Council of Governments, San Antonio, TX

Regional Planner

Central Texas Council of Governments, Belton, TX

OPPORTUNITIES

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Supply Chain Needs and Industrial Site Selection Decisions

August 19, 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM ET

Manufacturers, retailers, and other companies that ship goods rely heavily on an efficient and reliable freight transportation system to optimize their supply chains and minimize their costs. Transportation system efficiency is critical in maximizing supply chain efficiency. However, some factors that impact supply chain efficiency do not directly relate to transportation but can impact the transportation network. One such factor is the siting of freight-generating facilities, which often have a wide range of transportation-related needs, such as proximity to major highways, railroad lines, water ports, or airports, and easy site access for tractor-trailers, which can create challenges for both communities and government transportation agencies. This webinar will discuss the supply chain needs of industrial and other freight-generating developments from the industrial and commercial land development, economic development, and transportation perspectives.

Regional Models of Cooperation in Air Quality Planning

August 25, 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM ET

Sponsored by FHWA's Office of Planning and FTA's Office of Planning and Environment, this webinar will address collaboration across jurisdictional boundaries in Air Quality Planning, and will feature speakers from the Charlotte, North Carolina DOT, the Memphis Urban Area MPO, and San Joaquin Council of Governments. Presenters will discuss their region's successful collaboration efforts around the air quality planning process. The webinar will not go into depth on technical topics of air quality modeling or conformity determinations. Rather, it will focus on the techniques used by different regions to establish, maintain, and enhance air quality planning coordination across jurisdictional boundaries.

International Traffic Forecasting-Related Litigations: An Update and Lessons for Practitioners

August 27, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM ET

Having interviewed a number of lawyers involved in the cases – and having spoken with other expert witnesses – Rob Bain, an infrastructure analyst, will describe the background to the claims and give an update on each. He will not be able to discuss the details of the cases that he is directly involved with. However he will explore the general implications for the transportation demand forecasting community (lessons for practitioners).

The 6 E's of Walk to School Day Encouragement

September 2, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM ET

International Walk to School Day is a one-day event occurring during Walk to School Month in October that encourages and celebrates walking to school. Learn tips and tools to use in planning a walk or bike to school day campaign, and throughout the school year. This free webinar is part of a series of monthly National Learning Network webinars on topics related to Safe Routes to School and other policy and program initiatives that can increase walking and bicycling to school and in daily life.

Leveraging Datasets with the Freight Analysis Framework: A Case Study on California's Statewide Freight Model

September 15, 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM ET

Caltrans and the University of California-Irvine will highlight their case study on California's statewide freight model. Specifically, they will explain how they used FAF data in combination with other datasets to develop and apply a statewide freight model that supports transportation decision-making for the state. This webinar is aimed toward practitioners in state DOTs, MPOs,

and other agencies who have basic or no knowledge of the FAF, but would like to move to the next skill level. This webinar will also provide a useful foundation for more advanced topics covered in future webinars.

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