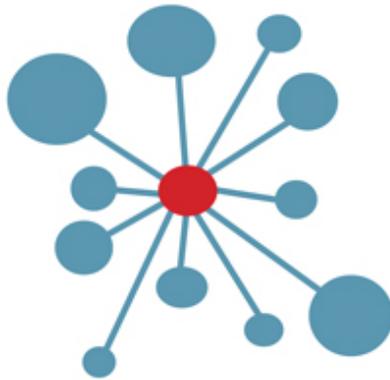




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## CONGRESS BRIEF

### **CBO Issues Updated Score of House FAA Bill**

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released an updated score of the House Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization bill based on changes made by the House Rules Committee. The score is incomplete; however, because the CBO score assumes the federal government will pay “twice” for air traffic control after 2020. First, they will pay for the new air traffic control corporation and again through the regular appropriations process. This key issue has convoluted the analysis of the bill and both sides have interpreted these scores to their advantage. As a reminder, FAA authorization expires on September 30.

## ADMINISTRATION BRIEF

### **Infrastructure Security Panel Resignations**

Seven members of the 27-person National Infrastructure Advisory Council sent a joint resignation letter on Monday citing concerns over Trump’s actions that jeopardize U.S. security and “moral infrastructure.” The council was created in 2001 to advise the president on infrastructure security. The letter also stated concern over the president’s climate change actions and insufficient attention to cybersecurity issues as reasons for stepping down. Earlier this month, Trump disbanded the Manufacturing Jobs Initiative and the Strategic and Policy Forum after members fled following his response to the recent violence in Charlottesville.

### **Presidential Advisory Council Cancelled**

Last week, a White House official stated that the President’s Advisory Council on Infrastructure, which was still in the formation stages, will not move forward. A July 19 executive order stated that the president would create the group to study federal infrastructure funding and support the delivery of projects. This is another setback for the transportation sector, which is awaiting more information on the administration’s big infrastructure package.

## REGIONS BRIEF

### **Lessons Learned from San Jose’s Lincoln Avenue Road Diet**

The Mineta Transportation Institute at San Jose State University released a report analyzing traffic impacts from the 2015 implementation of a pilot “road diet” in San Jose, California. The

analysis looks at traffic volumes and speeds before and after the road diet was implemented at the location itself, and how surrounding streets have been impacted by traffic pattern changes. The report provides recommendations for best practices in designing and conducting road diet evaluation studies.

### **Resilience and Transportation Planning and Project Development Peer Exchange: U.S. EPA Region 5**

In April, FHWA and the Environmental Protection Agency convened a peer exchange on resilience in transportation planning. The group discussed incorporating greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions analysis in the transportation planning process and analyzing the impacts of future conditions as well as how to incorporate these concerns into the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA). Representatives from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission were in attendance and discussed how they have incorporated GHG emissions analysis into their planning.

### **All-Ages Access: Making Transit Work for Everyone in America's Rapidly Aging Cities**

This research brief from TransitCenter explores how cities must respond to changing demographics and how to better serve the aging population. It provides information on aging populations in the 25 largest metropolitan areas and details three ways to improve access to seniors through better paratransit, new services, and improved access to fixed-route transit.

## **JOBS**

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### **Associate Planner**

Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, Fort Lauderdale, FL

### **Service Coordination Mentor**

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### **Training Specialist**

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### **Systems Planning Manager**

Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, Fort Lauderdale, FL

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

*[View full list of grants and events!](#)*

### **Asset Recycling Webinar**

August 29, 10:00 – 11:00 AM ET

America's struggle to build and renew its roads, airports, water treatment facilities, public buildings, and other infrastructure projects is old news. There is a constant drumbeat of news reports discussing our dilapidated bridges, inability to raise the federal gas tax, and our declining global competitiveness. Solutions and success stories are rarely part of this discussion. One important example of a possible way to address some of our infrastructure woes is a strategy known as asset recycling. The most prominent example of where this tool has been used is in Australia. Eno is hosting the Australian Ambassador Joe Hockey and Jennifer Aument from Transurban for a webinar discussion on asset recycling in Australia and its potential here in the U.S.

### **APA National Planning Awards Nominations**

Due September 8

The American Planning Association (APA) is now accepting nominations through September 8 for the 2018 National Planning Awards. Learn what is required for the online nomination, review award categories and criteria, and access the online nomination portal through [APA's website](#). All award nominations must be submitted through the online nomination portal.

### **TRB Webinar: Planning and Managing Park-and-Ride**

September 19, 2:00 – 4:00 PM ET

The webinar will discuss how transit agencies can better plan and manage park-and-ride facilities for public transportation by incorporating improved strategies and best practices. Topics include design and implementation, operations, pricing, community impacts, asset management, land use, and transit-oriented development. The presenters will also introduce the park-and-ride guidebook and explain how to use it.

### **NARC Webinar! Trees, Stormwater, and Resiliency: An Opportunity for Local Communities**

September 20, 2:00– 3:00 PM ET

Traditional ‘gray’ infrastructure systems – like roads, utilities, and water/wastewater networks – have long supported our cities and towns as they grow and develop. However, as leaders grapple with shrinking budgets and deteriorating local infrastructure, the resilience and multifunctionality of green infrastructure and trees continues to broaden its appeal as a fiscally responsible investment for the long-term health and vibrancy of an area.

A new interactive tool developed by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Council of Governments in partnership with the US Forest Service, NARC, Davey Resource Group, and Centerline Strategies, LLC will enable community planners, engineers, stormwater managers, community foresters, and policymakers to better capitalize on trees when investing or reinvesting in their stormwater systems. This resource can help you unleash new and innovative approaches for realizing the full capacity of trees as a component of your community’s infrastructure systems. Join us for this webinar to discuss regional resilience planning and how [TreesandStormwater.org](http://TreesandStormwater.org) can assist you in maximizing the benefits of trees and green infrastructure in your community.

### **NTD Asset Inventory Demonstration**

September 21, 2:00 – 4:00 PM ET

FTA is hosting a webinar to review the **National Transit Database** (NTD) Asset Inventory reporting requirements and demonstrate the new asset inventory forms in the NTD reporting system. The new asset inventory forms will be available in the NTD reporting system beginning in Report Year 2017, however 2017 reporting will be optional. The information provided in this webinar will be useful for agencies collecting data and preparing for required reporting for Report Year 2018 and beyond.

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