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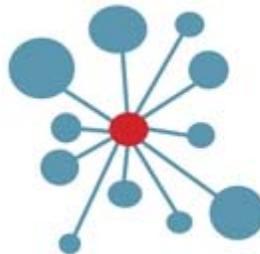
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EXECUTIVEBRIEF

Dear Colleagues,

Today, I am with NARC President Gary Moore in Denver, Colorado presenting at the National Association of Development Organizations' (NADO) Annual Training Conference. NADO Executive Director Joe McKinney invited us to speak to their Board of Directors on how NADO and NARC can partner in the future. A big thanks to NADO President Peter Gregory, the NADO Board, and Mr. McKinney for this opportunity!

As all of you know, our 2014 Executive Directors' Conference is fast approaching. Please remember to register [HERE](#) if you are attending. We have a great agenda planned! Click [HERE](#) to see the updated draft.

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PROGRAMUPDATE

New DOL Regulations Could Expand the Sphere of Workers

Eligible for Overtime Pay: The U. S. Department of Labor (DOL) is in the process of finalizing new rules that would expand the sphere of workers eligible for overtime pay by more than six million. The new regulations were ordered by President Obama through executive action earlier this spring. A notice of proposed rule-making is expected in November. A new report by the Economic Policy Institute (EPI) found that women, minorities, young, and less-educated workers would be the most helped demographics. Click **HERE** for additional information and **HERE** for the EPI study.

NARC Requests Extension of Comment Period for FHWA/FTA

Planning Rule: On August 20, NARC sent a letter to Gregory G. Nadeau, Acting Administrator for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), requesting a two-week extension of the comment period for the FHWA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking related to Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning; Metropolitan Transportation Planning. Click **HERE** to read the letter.

POLICYUPDATE

Congress is on recess.

U.S. Senators Predict Changes to Highway Funding: U.S. Senators John Boozman (R-AR) and James Inhofe (R-OK) recently testified at a hearing in Fort Smith, Arkansas where they predicted that Congress will soon change how revenue is generated to fund the nation's highways. Inhofe stated that "coming up between now and May, you'll see a new funding mechanism that is going to change how we are funding our roads and highways." Because the gas tax has not been raised since 1993 and cars are getting better gas millage, funding the Highway Trust Fund has become more challenging. Boozman stated that "we're going to have to figure out how we can get a revenue stream to support that, and there'll be a lot of controversy about that." Click **HERE** for additional information.

REGIONS360

New Light Rail Station Opens at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport: FTA Administrator Therese McMillan announced in a blog post on the U.S. Department of Transportation's (U.S. DOT) website that the extension of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) light rail system to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport officially opened on Monday. The extension, part of the longest light rail system in the nation, connects riders to one of the world's busiest airports. Click [HERE](#) for additional information.

MEMERREQUESTS

FINAL CALL TO SUBMIT! Member Survey - Comments Needed on Metropolitan Planning NPRM: Comments to the docket on the Noticed of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on Metropolitan Planning and Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Planning are due September 2.

- Attached [HERE](#) is a document with questions generated by the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and NARC in relation to the NPRM. We'd like to hear your concerns, thoughts, and ideas regarding these issues.
- Attached [HERE](#) is a background document that contains explanatory text from the NPRM alongside the changes to the federal code that governs Metropolitan Planning Organizations that is being discussed. This should help provide some additional background as to what is contained in the NPRM itself.

If you previously submitted similar comments through U.S. DOT (formally or informally), feel free to share those with us in order to avoid duplicating your efforts. Please submit your feedback on any or all of these questions to erich@narc.org by **5:00 PM ET TODAY!**

GRANTOPPORTUNITIES

Click [HERE](#) to view the list of grants still open!

UPCOMINGEVENTS

Click [HERE](#) to view the list of events still open!

WEBINAR: The Municipal Market for Issuers: Today and Tomorrow

September 9, 4:00 PM ET

Municipal Market Advisors, the leading provider of independent municipal bond market research and publisher of the *Municipal Issuer Brief* (a free, weekly electronic report just for issuers) will hold this webinar to help issuers understand the quickly changing municipal industry and give issuers tools to improve dialogue with their advisors, bankers, underwriters, and investors. Government officials who have issued debt, or who may be issuing bonds in the coming months and years, will find the event especially useful and interesting. Click [HERE](#) to register.

WEBINAR: SmartWay 10 Modifying Driver Behavior – An Important Piece to Greening Your Fleet

September 24, 2:30 PM ET

Diesel fuel is often the second highest expense for truck carriers after labor. Join SmartWay and Truck Carrier partners to discuss training that targets fuel efficiency while changing habits that waste fuel. Panelists will provide actionable advice and best practices that will help save fuel, money, and the environment. Participation in the webinar is free, advance registration is required. Click [HERE](#) to register.

NARC CONFERENCE: Executive Directors' Conference

September 21 - 24; Des Moines, IA

Join the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and NARC for the 2014 Executive Directors' Conference in Des Moines, IA. Click [HERE](#) to register!

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