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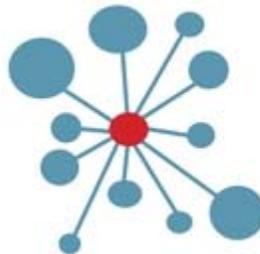
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EDC Update: Take look at the updated Executive Directors' Conference (EDC) agenda [HERE](#). There's still time to register! Click [HERE](#) for details.

EXECUTIVEBRIEF

Dear Colleagues,

Congress is back for a short session before the mid term elections. Lawmakers are expected to pass a short-term funding package (likely through mid-December) to keep the government open and avoid a repeat of last year's shut down disaster. Passing an extension of the Export-Import Bank (which expires on September 30) and addressing Terrorism Risk Insurance are other likely issues for the calendar. Both chambers are expected to take up several messaging bills, such as a

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Keystone Pipeline bill and a minimum wage bill, but these will not likely make it to the President's desk.

We will keep you posted on the legislative calendar as it evolves over the next couple of weeks.

Thanks,
Joanna

PROGRAMUPDATE

Reminder! Deadline to Submit Application for 2015 Climate Leadership Awards is This Friday: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Protection Partnerships Division is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) through cost-effective partnerships across the U.S. economy. As part of this commitment, EPA co-sponsors the Climate Leadership Awards, a national awards program that recognizes and incentivizes exemplary corporate, organizational, and individual leadership in response to climate change by reducing carbon pollution and implementing adaptation planning initiatives. Deadline to Submit applications is Friday, September 12. Click **HERE** for more information.

POLICYUPDATE

Congress is in session.

NARC & AMPO Release Member Survey Results: NARC, jointly with the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO), released the results of a survey designed to solicit MPO feedback on changes to federal transportation law that will require the largest MPOs (over 200,000 population) to have transit representation on their voting policy board. Some results from the survey:

- The changes, as envisioned by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA), will be disruptive. More than one-fifth of respondents indicated a change in board structure will require a change to state law.

- Transit is well represented at the nation's MPOs. More than 90% of members indicated transit is currently represented at the board level.

Download a summary of the issues and a breakdown of the results [HERE](#). Contact Erich Zimmermann, erich@narc.org, with questions.

Senator John Thune Announces Commerce Committee Hearing on Rail Service: Last week, Senator John Thune (R-SD) announced that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation will hold a hearing on September 10 concerning rail service issues associated with transporting agricultural products in the U.S. The hearing will examine rail service backlogs in South Dakota and throughout the region. Click [HERE](#) for additional information.

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Washington Region's First BRT Line Opens with Help from TIGER: Metroway, the Washington region's first bus rapid transit (BRT) line, is now open to passengers in Northern Virginia. The project was partially funded with a federal *Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery* (TIGER) grant that was received by the Transportation Planning Board. The new BRT line runs along the Route 1 corridor between the Braddock Road and Crystal City Metro stations in Alexandria and Arlington Counties, and is operated by Metro. Click [HERE](#) for additional information.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Funding Available for FTA's TOD Planning Pilot Program

Proposal Deadline: November 3

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is making \$19.98 million in funding available for its *Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Pilot Program*. This program helps support FTA's mission of improving public transportation for America's communities by providing funding to local communities to integrate land use and transportation planning with a transit capital investment that will seek funding through FTA's *Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Program*. Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Grants.gov website by midnight Eastern Time on November 3, 2014. Click [HERE](#) for additional information.

NOFA for FTA *Innovative Public Transportation Workforce Development Program (Ladders of Opportunity Initiative)*

Proposal Deadline: November 4

FTA will grant approximately \$7.85 million in funds for the *Innovative Public Transportation Workforce Development Program*. This Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) solicits proposals that promote nationally and regionally significant public transportation workforce development models and programs that invest in America's economic growth and help build ladders of opportunity into the middle class for American workers. FTA is requiring that applications provide sufficient evidence of a partnership between the primary applicant and at least one other unrelated entity, such as an educational institution, a public workforce investment system, a labor organization, or a non-profit organization. Click [HERE](#) for additional information.

UPCOMINGEVENTS

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WEBINAR: ACS Statistics and Health Insurance Measures

September 11, 1:00 PM ET

The Census Bureau will hold a webinar in advance of the planned Sept. 18 release of 2013 [American Community Survey](#) (ACS) 1-year statistics. It will cover how to access the data and compare geographies and statistics over time. The ACS provides a wide range of important statistics about people and housing for every community in the nation. The survey produces statistics for language, education, commuting, employment, mortgage status and rent, income, poverty, and health insurance. Estimates will be available for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, every congressional district, and all counties and places with populations of 65,000 or more. Click [HERE](#) to register.

NARC CONFERENCE: Executive Directors' Conference

September 21 - 24; Des Moines, IA

Join NARC and the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization for the 2014 Executive Directors' Conference in Des Moines, IA! For more than 40 years, NARC has brought hundreds of Executive Directors, their Deputies, and Senior Staff together to network, share best practices, and explore opportunities for strengthening professional capacity and development. Click [HERE](#) to register.

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