



## **Federal Legislative Alert**

### **Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Passes Two-Year Highway Bill**

On Wednesday, November 9, the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, chaired by Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA), voted unanimously 18-0 to advance S.1813, "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century" (MAP-21) a two-year authorization of federal highway programs at current levels, adjusted for inflation.

The funding level in MAP-21 is \$109 billion over two years for highway and transit funding, however the Senate Finance Committee, which has jurisdiction over the financing title, is continuing its work to identify an offset for the \$12 billion funding shortfall between current Highway Trust Fund (HTF) revenues and the proposal's authorized levels.

It is expected that the other authorizing committees will follow EPW's lead and schedule markups on their respective titles of the bill. The Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, which is responsible for the transit title, may hold its markup sometime around the Thanksgiving holiday, but nothing on the schedule has formally been determined. The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and transportation which had jurisdiction over rail and safety matters, may hold a markup in early December.

We have been asked by Transportation for America to reach out to our members with a sign-on letter, prepared by Transportation for America, in response to the MAP-21. Please note that the Association has not taken a position on this and is therefore not signing onto the letter as an Association, however we encourage you to look at the letter and decide whether to sign on as an individual agency. To see the letter, please [click here](#). Transportation for America asks that those who wish to sign on to the letter do so by November 21st, and send your response to Shannon Tracey at [shannon@transformca.org](mailto:shannon@transformca.org). For a summary of MAP-21, please [click here](#). For the bill text, please [click here](#).

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