



Policy Update

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Congress continues to negotiate a path forward to avoid a government shutdown on February 18th. The US House of Representatives has passed another continuing resolution (CR) until March 11th prolonging a fix to the limitation on expenditures from the Highway Trust Fund that would reflect the spending set in the IJA. Spending at risk is roughly \$15 billion in FY22. The Senate is expected to pass the CR and send it to the President, but a handful of Republican Senators are demanding a vote on cutting off federal funding to schools and child care centers that require children to get Covid vaccines, a vote to bar funding from being used to provide crack pipes, and a vote on a provision that would make it harder for Congress to raise taxes or increase the nation's borrowing limit. The Senate has until midnight tomorrow (2/18) to pass the CR before the Federal government shuts down.

FHWA Apportions funding for EV Charging Formula Program. On February 10th the FHWA provided notice of the [FY22 apportionment](#) as well as [guidance](#) for the new EV Charging Formula Program. After set-asides and takedowns, the amount of funds available for distribution to the States is \$615,000,000 in FY22. Under this program, each State is required to submit an EV Infrastructure Deployment Plan that describes how the State intends to use its apportioned funds. No program funds can be obligated by a State until FHWA approves that State's Plan, although staffing and other activities related to the development of a Plan will be eligible for reimbursement. Plans must be submitted to the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation (Joint Office) not later than August 1, 2022, and the FHWA will approve eligible Plans by September 30, 2022. States that submit plans before August 1, 2022, will be approved by FHWA on a rolling basis.

More Grant Notices on the Horizon. There have been lots of inquiries as to when USDOT will announce new solicitations for competitive grant programs. In the upcoming weeks please be on the lookout for funding opportunities for the new Airport Terminal Program, INFRA, National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA Projects), Rural Surface Transportation grants, Low and No Emission bus grants and other bus grants.

Please remember that applications for RAISE grants are due April 14th.

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