



Policy Update

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Congress – The House and Senate chambers have settled into the 118th Congress and have appointed leaders, committee chairmen, and committee membership. Hearings have started in most committees, and we anticipate a robust amount of IJJA oversight on both sides of Congress. Infrastructure legislation on deck in this Congress includes FAA reauthorization, Water Resources Development Act, pipeline safety, Coast Guard bills, and the FY24 Transportation Appropriations.

House Transportation Membership - [118th rosters.pdf \(house.gov\)](#)

Senate Environment and Public Works Full Committee - [Members - U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works](#)

Senate Environment and Public Works T&I Subcommittee - [Transportation and Infrastructure - U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works](#)

Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Membership Full Committee - [Membership | About | United States Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs \(senate.gov\)](#)

House Republican & Democrat THUD Appropriations Subcommittee - [The Departments of Transportation, and House and Urban Development, and Related Agencies \(118th Congress\) | House Committee on Appropriations](#)

Please review these links and let AMPO know if there are any existing relationships.

USDOT – The Department continues to roll out new notice of funding opportunities for discretionary grants (RAISE, Fed-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail, and Port Infrastructure, Bus & Bus Facilities/Low-No Emission) and make awards (SS4A, MEGA, Ferry Boat Service, Transit Station ADA). Almost all of the 2022 grants have been put out under a NOFO, but just half has been awarded. Two programs of interest have not been announced under a NOFO - PROTECT and EV Charging.

USDOT and its modal agencies have been providing webinars and other learning opportunities for potential applicants to better understand the programs and the application process and we encourage you to participate. Please take a look at the Department's Thriving Communities Program website for useful information - [Thriving Communities Program | US Department of Transportation](#)

Accounting Error at FHWA – It was reported last week that the FHWA accounting system, Fiscal Management Information System (FMIS), showed \$3.5 billion more in state DOT unobligated formula contract authority when compared to Delphi, the accounting system used by all of USDOT. This error may date back to 2005. The FHWA has temporarily restricted state DOT access to pre-IIJA contract authority while an internal accounting audit is being conducted. We will track this issue to understand more fully any impacts to MPOs.

[Key Notices of Funding Opportunity | US Department of Transportation](#)

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