



## Policy Update

### September 8, 2022

**US Congress** – Congress has returned to Washington but may not be here for long. As we noted in the last newsletter, Congress needs to fund a budget past September 30 to keep the Federal Government operating. Without a continuing resolution (CR) beyond the end of the month, the government would shut down. A shut down never benefits either party – both sides receive the blame for failing to do the one thing they must do and going into an election each party would rather focus on their opponents and not the federal budget. How long will the CR last? We are hearing that House and Senate appropriators are homing in on a CR until mid-December. If the Republicans obtain the majority in both chambers, there is a good chance they will push to finish the budget in the next Congress when they can make the spending decisions. As a reminder, spending under a CR will be held at FY22 levels for the duration of the CR, except for a few programs like IJA transportation programs funded with the advanced general fund appropriations. We will report more as the federal budget picture comes in to focus.

**August Redistribution of Obligation Authority** – On August 29, the FHWA notified States that \$6,176,517,471 in obligation limitation is available for redistribution for FY 2022. For a variety of reasons, a given program may be unable to obligate its share of the obligation limitation by the end of a given fiscal year. In recognition of this, Congress has established a statutory process to allow FHWA to redistribute such obligation limitation to States that can, by the year-end deadline, obligate more than their initial share. This process takes place in August, and consequently is referred to as August redistribution. The amounts are redistributed in accordance with the requirements set in the Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2022, so that priority is given to those States that have large, unobligated balances of funds apportioned under sections 144 (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act) and 104 of title 23, United States Code. How much unused obligation limitation is distributed to the States can be found [here](#).

**Upcoming September NOFO deadlines:** For more information on each opportunity, please click on the link underneath the program title.

<b>NOFO</b>	<b>Operating Admin/Office</b>	<b>Deadline Date</b>
<b>Bridge Investment Program</b> ( <a href="https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=341050">https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=341050</a> )	Federal Highway Administration	9/8/2022 (Bridge Project Applications)
<b>Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund</b> ( <a href="https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-tribal/safety/funds">https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-tribal/safety/funds</a> )	Federal Highway Administration	9/15/2022
<b>Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program</b> ( <a href="https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=340385">https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=340385</a> )	Office of the Secretary	9/15/2022
<b>All Stations Accessibility Program</b> ( <a href="https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=342716">https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=342716</a> )	Federal Transit Administration	9/30/2022

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