



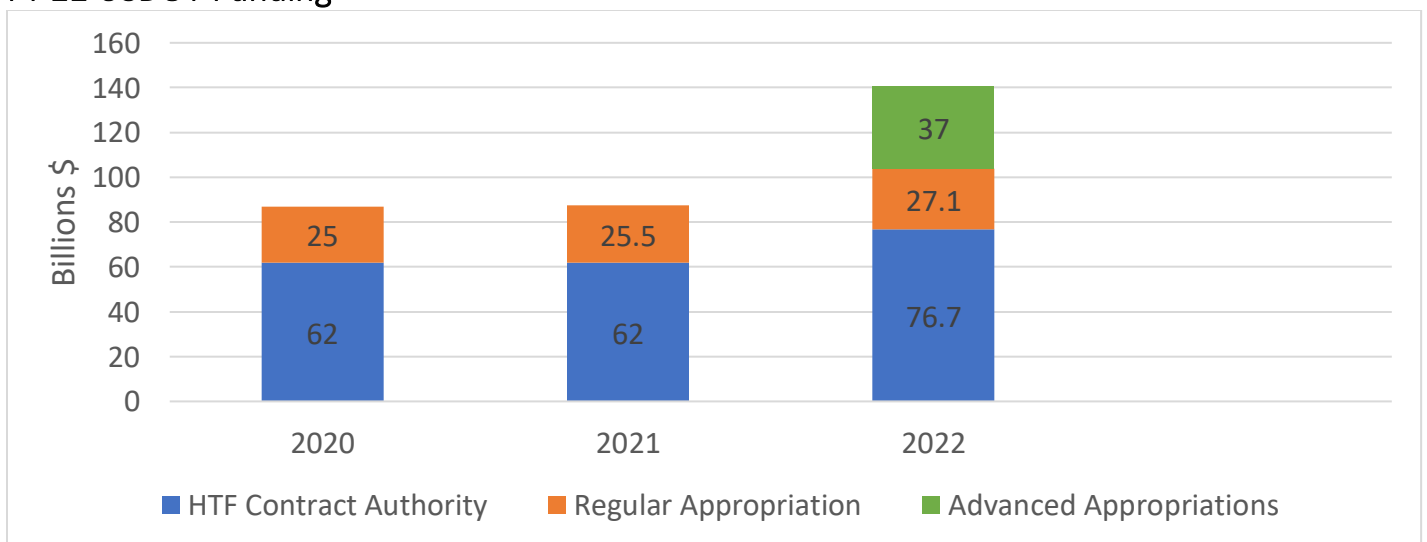
# Policy Update

March 17, 2022

**President Biden Signs FY22 Full Year Appropriations** – On March 15<sup>th</sup> President Biden signed H.R. 2471, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, which provides full-year funding through September 30, 2022 for projects and activities of the Federal Government. The bill also provides \$14 billion in aid for Ukraine activities. For the USDOT, the omnibus appropriations bill provides almost \$141 billion in funding when combined with the advanced appropriations provided in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The omnibus bill fully funds the commitments made by the IIJA, including the \$57,473,430,072 obligation limitation for the Federal Aid Highway Program and \$13,355,000,000 obligation limitation for FTA programs. With the signing by the President, all the new programs in the IIJA that were held back by the CR can now move forward. The bill includes \$1.5 billion in transportation earmarks (Congressionally directed spending) as well as funding increases for several transportation programs including:

- \$775 million for RAISE Grants (in addition to \$1.5 billion)
- \$1.145 billion for bridge formula program (in addition to \$5.5 billion bridge formula and the \$2.447 billion bridge grants)
- \$625 million for CRISI Grants (in addition to \$1 billion)
- \$875 million for Amtrak NEC (in addition to \$1.2 billion)
- \$1.5 billion for Amtrak National Network (in addition to \$3.2 billion)
- \$554 million for Grants in aid for Airports (in addition to \$3 billion)
- \$2.248 billion for FTA Capital Investment Grants (in addition to \$1.6 billion)
- \$504 million for Transit Infrastructure Grants (in addition to \$2 billion)

## FY 22 USDOT Funding



**FY23 Federal Budget** – President Biden is expected to deliver his 2023 Budget Request to Congress soon. AMPO will provide an overview of the USDOT request once it is made public.

**Committee Hearings** – On March 16<sup>th</sup>, the House Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment held a hearing titled “Proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 2022: Members’ Day Hearing.” At this hearing, all Members of Congress were invited to come present their Water Resources Development Act 2022 priorities to the committee. WRDA authorizes water infrastructure programs and projects under the authority of the Army Corps of Engineers. Congress is expected to approve WRDA 2022 before the end of the year.

On Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, the Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on “Aviation Noise: Measuring Progress in Addressing Community Concerns.”

**GRANTS** – It has been rumored that a joint Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the INFRA grants, National Infrastructure Project Assistance (aka MEGA projects) grants, and the Rural Surface Transportation program grants may be released this week or next.

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