



Policy Update

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IIJA Implementation – With the IIJA now signed into law, the Administration will take on the task of implementation. As we have reported, there are several new formula programs, many new competitive grant programs, and policy changes in the bill. Our IIJA resources can be found [here](#). Both FHWA and FTA have scheduled listening sessions on the new law and AMPO and other stakeholder groups have been asked to submit recommendations on implementation. The FHWA recently published in the Federal Register a Request for Information (RFI) seeking public input on the implementation of the IIJA, which can be found [here](#).

Both FHWA and FTA have created IIJA websites that can be found at the links below.

[Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - FHWA | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#)

[U.S. Department of Transportation Announces Key Priorities, Funding for Public Transportation Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law | FTA \(dot.gov\)](#)

Will Congress Keep the Federal Government Open Past December 3? - The continuing resolution (CR) that has funded the Federal government is about to expire at midnight this Friday. In the House, there seems to be an agreement between the parties to extend the CR to February 18th (4 ½ months into FY22). You can find the February 18th CR [here](#). The House is planning to pass the CR today (12/2/21). In the Senate, the 60 votes needed to proceed to a vote on a CR are in jeopardy due to Republican opposition to the President's vaccine mandate for the private sector. If and when the Senate agrees to send the CR to the President, the chamber will need to use expedite procedures (unanimous consent) to avoid the usual Senate deliberative process which can take days. AMPO will keep members informed of new developments.