

## THE NEW CONGRESS AND PLANS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION

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## AGENDA

#### **Shutdown effects on Transit**

#### Rescissions

- How they will affect transportation alternatives and CMAQ
- Next Steps

**New Faces in Transportation leadership in DC** 

**Coming soon: Active Transportation related bills** 



## SHUTDOWN EFFECTS ON TRANSIT

#### **Federal Transit Administration**

- 90% staff furloughed
- ~\$531 million in grant requests not funded
- Staff rushing to get up to date before February 15<sup>th</sup>

#### ΑΡΤΑ

- 36% of members- shutdown "substantially impacting their operations and/or capital programs." (1/9-1/15)
- Cut backs in service, transferring capital to operations etc.



gency heads worry that even if a deal were reached today, it could take months to process all the funding equests from all 50 states that have languished for a month. | Julio Cortez/AP Photo

We're done': Shutdown strikes small, midsize and rural transit



# RESCISSIONS



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## RESCISSIONS

#### FAST Act includes \$7.6 billion in rescissions before September 2021

- Rescissions pulls back contract authority from states.
- i.e.- we'll give you authority to spend \$100 now, but will take back
  \$3 at the end of the year
- Rescissions are proportional across programs...based on <u>unobligated balances</u>



## IF RESCISSIONS HAPPENED RIGHT NOW

	FAST Act Authorization (in Millions)		At Risk for Rescissions (in Millions)		Percent of Rescissions
NHPP	\$	116,399	\$	476	6%
CMAQ	\$	12,022	\$	1,397	18%
TA	\$	4,205	\$	1,089	14%
Freight	\$	6,247	\$	544	7%



## **MPO FUNDING ALSO AT RISK**

Transportation Alternatives funds at risk:

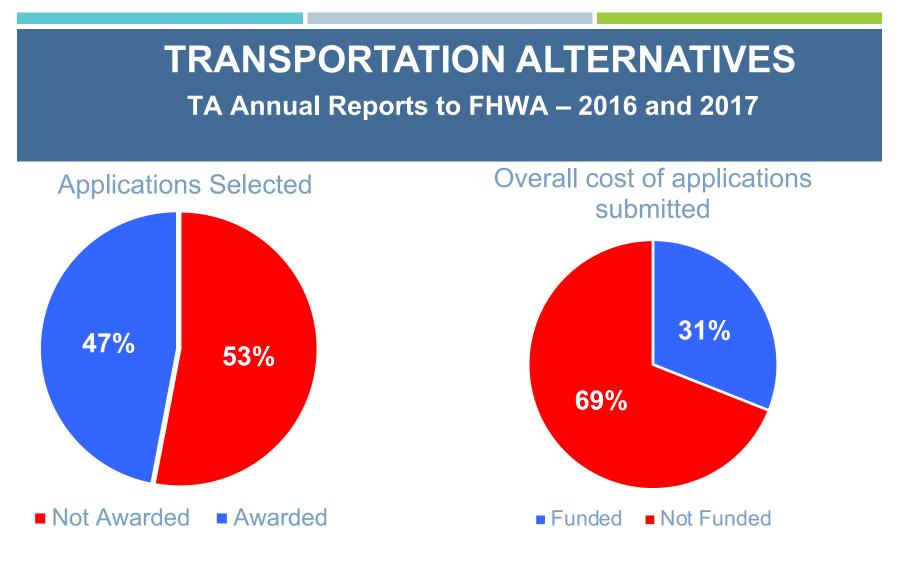
TA (State) competitive	TA- MPOs Pop > 200,000	TA Pop < 200,000 Pop> 5,000	TA Pop < 5000
\$429,242,031	\$388,579,352	\$72,765,193	\$198,555,135



## **OTHER FUNDS**

CMAQ	CMAQ PM 2.5	Old TE	Old Rec Trails	Metro planning
\$1,068,041,097	\$329,177,256	\$250,128,684	\$123,145,307	\$255,546,657





#### \$3,289,285,388

Cost of Transportation Alternative Projects left unfunded



# TA OBLIGATION RATE= 57%

- What is happening in your state?
- Changes proposing to TA
  - Allow Large MPOs to Obligate
  - Allow States to use TA for:
    - Technical and Engineering assistance
    - Program Staff

What else can be done?



# **NEW FACES IN TRANSPORTATION**



#### TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

#### Democrats

- Chair- DeFazio
- Full Committee #s -37
- Full Committee new #s-12/16
- H&T Subcommittee chair-Eleanor Holmes Norton (DC)

#### Republicans

- Ranking Member- Graves
- Full Committee #s-30
- Full Committee new #s-7/8

H&T Subcommittee Ranking member- Rodney Davis (IL)



## **COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP- T&I**



Full Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio (D-OR)



Full Committee Ranking Member Sam Graves (R- MO)



Highway & Transit Chair Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC)



Highway & Transit Ranking Member Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL)



## SENATE EPW

#### Republicans

- Chair- Barrasso (WY)
- Full Committee #s-11
- Full Committee new #s- 2
- Braun (IN), Cramer (ND)
- H&T Subcommittee Ranking member- Capito (WV)

#### **Democrats**

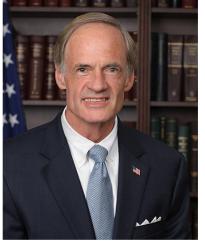
- Ranking- Carper (DE)
- Full Committee #s -10
- Full Committee new #s- 0
- H&T Subcommittee chair-Cardin (MD)



## **SENATE EPW**



Chair John Barrasso (R-WY)



**Ranking member Tom Carper** (D-DE)



H&T Chair Shelley Moore Capito (R-WY)



H&T Chair **Ben Cardin** (D-MD)

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## **NICOLE NASON- FHWA ADMINISTRATOR**





# **TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION**



# WILL THERE BE AN INFRASTRUCTURE BILL?

- Chairman DeFazio reports meetings on infrastructure package with White House are starting up again.
- Trump in State of the Union- it is what he didn't say..



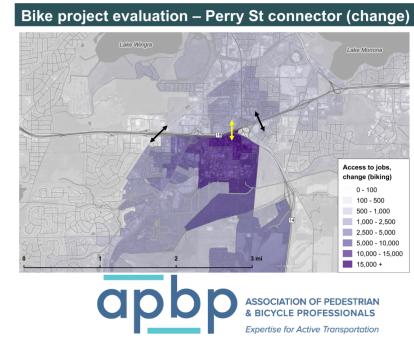
Timeline- May (House)



## **COMMUTE ACT (PLANNING)**

The Commute Act creates a pilot project to get access data to state and local governments

- Requires US DOT to give data to:
  - 5 States
    - Local governments and researchers
  - 5 MPOs Population > 200,000
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  - 5 Rural Planning organizations



# **BICYCLE COMMUTER BENEFIT**

Includes bikeshare membership and e-bikes



Makes Bike benefit equal to "up to 20% of parking benefit"

- Allows benefit to be used in conjunction with transit benefit
- Will increase each year as parking benefit increases

Changes "reimbursement" to "benefit"

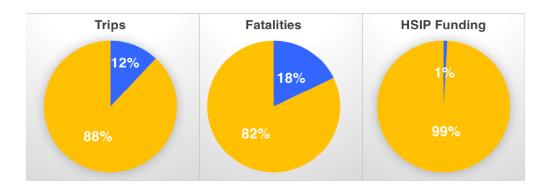


## **VULNERABLE USER SPECIAL RULE**

Existing special rules- older drivers and pedestrians and rural roads

If increase in these fatalities then must respond

Vulnerable user rule – Depending on vulnerable user fatality rate, state must spend safety funds in that area on vulnerable user safety.



Pedestrians and Bicyclists Other



#### Thank you!

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