



End of Week Summary: August 3, 2018

Federal Update

DOT Budget

The Senate approved the budgets for the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development this week. The Senate's version of the bill includes increases above FAST Act spending for transit and rail. The House has moved their THUD budget bill out of committee but not yet considered it on the floor. [More](#)

FAA Authorization

Discussions around the Senate's FAA bill continued this week. A coalition of groups sent a letter asking that provisions intended to promote greater testing of connected autonomous vehicle technology not be included because it does not offer adequate safety protections. [LINK](#) The Senate also is having difficulty coming to an agreement on safety regulations for truckers and drones. [LINK](#)

New "Sovereign Wealth Fund" From Japan

Japan is putting together a state-backed fund to invest in American infrastructure projects and assist America in funding infrastructure projects abroad. [More](#)

News

[How Blockchain is Primed to Change
the Transport Industry](#)

Crypto News Review

[Shuster Lays Out "Framework" for
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