



End of Week Summary

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Calendar

August 14. 3:30pm. State House Committee in person at Filson/Gordon offices (312 S. Fourth Street, Suite 200, Springfield) and by

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Federal Update

Funding

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved a USDOT budget that would increase funding for TIGER grants and reduce transit new starts grants by half of the House's proposed reduction. It would also not include rescissions to the highway program. The House Appropriations Committee last week approved their version of a USDOT budget which eliminated TIGER grants, reduced funding for transit new starts, and included \$800 million in highway program rescissions.

conference call (712-775-7031 passcode 623-949-741)

Both bills can now be considered by each full chamber.

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The American Road and Transportation Builders sent a letter to the Senate Finance Chairman and Ranking Member encouraging them to take up consideration of a long-term funding fix for the Highway Trust Fund. The letter endorsed ARTBA's funding proposal, which is based on freight fees, but also highlighted the need to look past a short-term tax reform based funding option.

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New Transit Projects Rulemaking

USDOT has issued a notice of proposed rulemaking that would let transit projects move more quickly if the agencies could prove that it would attract more private investment. Public Comments are being solicited through September 29th. [More](#)

State Update

TFIC is organizing meetings with legislators we identified as possible key legislators. The initial meetings are intended to be an introduction to TFIC and the diverse interests we represent and that have a stake in the transportation system. Keep an eye out for updates on those meetings as they are scheduled. We hope you can join us!

News

[White House: Infrastructure Still a Priority](#)

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[Rethinking Transportation for the 21st Century](#)

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[Lawmakers Hold Town Hall on Transportation Funding \(MO\)](#)

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