



Federal Update

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Surface Transportation Reauthorization

- Five year authorization of all DOT programs – 1-yr extension of current 5-yr bill (FAST Act) expires on Sept. 30, 2021
- House is starting with last year's H.R. 2, the INVEST Act. Senate is starting with S. 2302, America's Transportation Infrastructure Act. Priorities include:
 - Highways
 - Transit
 - Rail
 - Electric Vehicles (EV)
 - Resiliency Grant Programs
 - Freight/Goods Movement
- Committees are working now but not likely to finish by Memorial Day
- Congress still needs to identify revenue

Authorization versus Appropriations Bills

Surface Transportation Reauthorization

- 5 year authorization of DOT funding levels; modifies or creates transportation policies and programs
- Member-Designated Projects
 - Funded over 5 years
 - Larger amount per project available

Annual Appropriations

- 12 bills that provide annual funding for all federal agencies, including DOT
- Provides the funding that is authorized in surface transportation bill
- Community Project Funding Requests
 - 1-2 years to use funding
 - Small Amount available - 1% cap of total appropriations

Palm Beach TPA Delegation – Transportation Requests

**Rep. Lois Frankel
(D-FL-21)**



Surface Transportation Authorization Bill
Member-Designated Projects

Project	Requested Amount
Delray Beach – Complete Streets Program, Lawson Blvd	\$1,106,269
Palm Beach County – Flavor Pict Road (last 1.7 miles)	\$4,700,000
Palm Tran – New Public Bus Shelter (150)	\$8,000,000
SFRTA – New Tri-Rail Train Car	\$4,000,000
West Palm Beach – Grandview Heights Street Pedestrian Safety Improvements	\$1,200,000
Total = \$19.86 million	

*Did not request any transportation projects through the Community Project Funding process.

Palm Beach TPA Delegation – Transportation Requests

**Rep. Ted Deutch
(D-FL-22)**



Project	Request
Appropriations Community Project Funding Requests	
City of Pompano Beach – Dixie Highway Corridor Improvements	\$600,000
Surface Transportation Authorization Bill <i>Member Designated Projects</i>	
Palm Tran – New Public Bus Shelters	\$300,000
City of Fort Lauderdale – Breakers Ave Streetscape	\$5,200,000
City of Deerfield Beach – Crystal Lake Drive	\$389,000
Broward MPO – Loxahatchee Road	\$5,000,000
Broward MPO – Lyons Road Pedestrian Mobility	\$2,700,000
Broward MPO – University Drive	\$5,000,000

Palm Beach Delegation – Transportation Requests

**Rep. Brian Mast
(R-FL-18)**



Surface Transportation Authorization Bill
Member-Designated Projects

Project	Request
St. Lucie County – Midway Road Multimodal/Freight Improvements and Florida’s Turnpike Connection	\$15,000,000
City of Port Lucie – Port St. Lucie Boulevard South	\$5,000,000
Total = \$20 million	

*Did not request any projects through the Community Project Funding process.

Biden Infrastructure Package – American Jobs Plan

- On Mar 31, President Biden introduced the American Jobs Plan of 2021
 - \$2.25 trillion over eight years, covers transportation, manufacturing, housing, schools, water, broadband, and the power grid
- House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) wants to pass the package by July 4th
- On Apr 22, Senate Republicans released 5-yr \$568 B infrastructure counteroffer

	<u>American Jobs Plan</u>	<u>Republican Counter</u>
Transit	\$85 B	\$61 B
Rail	\$80 B	\$ 20 B
Highways	\$115 B	\$299 B
Electric Vehicles	\$174 B	
Airports		\$44 B
Safety		\$13 B

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

- Deadline: July 12
- Criteria: safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness, state of good repair, innovation, and partnership
- Projects that can demonstrate improvements to racial equity, reduce impacts of climate change and create jobs will be prioritized

Transit-Oriented Development

- Deadline: June 21
- Criteria: improve economic development and ridership, foster multimodal connectivity and accessibility, improve transit access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, and enable mixed-use development near transit stations.
- Provides funding to integrate land use and transportation planning for a new fixed guideway or core capacity transit capital investment.

Coming Soon:

Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)

- Funds projects that improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of intercity passenger and freight rail.
- Eligible uses: railroad safety technology, capital projects, highway-rail grade crossing improvement projects, relocation, regional development plans, multimodal connection upgrades, and safety programs.

Bus & Bus Facilities

- Grants to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses; construct bus-related facilities.
- Funding is provided through formula allocations and competitive grants. A sub-program, the Low- or No-Emission Vehicle Program, provides competitive grants for projects that support low and zero-emission vehicles.



Questions?