Reauthorization of Federal Transportation Program

- Current Transportation Program is MAP-21
  - Enacted in 2012
  - Two-year bill, flat-line funded at $109B

- What It Did:
  - Focused on program consolidation & system performance
  - Many rules on programs still forthcoming

- Schedule:
  - Expired September 30, 2014
  - Extended until October 29, 2015

ASCE Priorities for MAP-21 Reauthorization

- Long-term, funded program
- Establish freight program
- Focus on research
- Incorporate resilience & lifecycle cost analysis
Highway Trust Fund Insolvency Must Be Solved by July 31st

Receipts, Outlays, and Balance or Shortfall for the Highway Account Under CBO’s April 2014 Baseline

Billions of dollars

End-of-Year Balance or Shortfall

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

JUNE 2014
On Average, 70% of Arizona’s Transportation Capital Spending Came from the Highway Trust Fund
ASCE’s Message for Congress on the Fix

The time for a fix is NOW

Fix should include long-term, sustainable revenue

States need long-term program and funding certainty and increased federal funding to improve the system
Blueprint for Surface Transportation in the U.S.

1) Reform

2) Invest

3) Build for the Future
Senate Passes DRIVE Act

- Passed Senate on July 30; bipartisan vote 65-34
- Six-year, $350 billion – Increases highways & transit funding, Secures new revenues for the first 3 years
- New dedicated freight program
- More money for delivering large projects and innovations
- Pilot program for user-fee revenue systems like vehicle miles traveled
- Work remains to get the House to act by the October 29 deadline
- Proposes use of 2000 census data for population

McCain: Yea
Flake: Nay
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Use #FixTheTrustFund to tell Congress to fix our transportation system now

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“...the bridges and highways we fail to repair today will have to be rebuilt tomorrow at many times the cost.”
– President Ronald Reagan (11/27/82)

We are parents, businesses, commuters, and consumers on a mission to make sure Congress finds a long-term solution to our nation’s roads, bridges, and transit systems. This summer the Highway Trust Fund will go over the fiscal cliff. Now is the time for action.
Water Resources Reform & Development Act

- Signed June 2014
- 1st Major water resource bill in 7 years
- Bipartisan bill: House 412-4 & Senate 91-7
- Major legislative priority & victory for ASCE
- $12.3B over 10 years
ASCE Priorities in WRRDA

- Levee Safety Program
- Dam Safety Program
- Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund
- Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act
- Public Private Partnerships
Public Private Partnerships (P3’s)

- Evaluates allowing non-Federal partners to carry out projects
- Permits up to 15 P3’s for coastal harbors, channels, inland navigation, flood damage reduction, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and hurricane & storm damage
Water Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act

**Background:**
- Provides low-cost, long-term federal loans for water
- Can finance up to 49%
- Complements SRF – Funds larger / lower priority water projects

**Issue:**
- Ban on combining with tax-exempt bonds
- Not banned in TIFIA (possibly tie to Drive Act)
Respond to Key Alerts to Show Support!

- ASCE.ORG/ADVOCACY
- Legislative Alerts are easy ways to ask ASCE members to contact a legislator about an issue
- Gives sample text that you can edit or add your own story
- Contacts both Federal and/or local legislators depending on the issues
In This Issue
Congress Acts to Avert Highway Trust Fund Crisis
Science Committee Reviews Earthquake Research Programs
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Senators Introduce Legislation to Reinstate Tax for Superfund
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**Congress Acts to Avert Highway Trust Fund Crisis**

Congress left no time to spare in passing a short-term funding patch for surface transportation programs just as the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) was scheduled to reduce reimbursements to states. Despite the back-and-forth battle with dueling votes between the House and Senate, Congress managed to pass a $50.7 billion measure to provide immediate funding through September 2014. The bill now goes to the President for signature.
Save America’s Infrastructure App

It’s time to do something about our infrastructure problems.

Download the new Save America’s Infrastructure App and join with us!

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## State Budget Allocations

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State and Local Legislative Summary

**House Bill 2661:**
- Extends existing CAWCD property tax until 2030
- Unanimously approved

**House Bill 2297:**
- Rule making restriction may affect Groundwater Management Act
- High standard for implementing statutes
- Narrow interpretation of public health & safety
State and Local Legislative Summary

Phoenix Proposition 104:
- $31B in funding over 35 yrs
- Improve pedestrian safety & more walkable Phoenix
- Improve bus, light rail & Dial-a-Ride services
- Additional safety personnel on public transportation
- Expand pedestrian & bicycle paths
You Can Help By:

- Understanding the Issues
- Reaching out to legislators
- Joining the 2016 Legislative Drive-In
- Being an advocate in your organizations
Questions or Comments

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