

TO: MP&L Committee

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Reauthorization Legislation

On Wednesday, May 27th, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW) announced the broad outline of their reauthorization proposal, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP21). In doing so, EPW stated that they will seek a six-year \$339.2 billion transportation bill which would maintain current levels of spending when projected inflation is factored in. Of this, \$66.5 billion would make up the transit program. The details of the transit title will be written in the Senate Banking Committee.

Some of the key policy items include the elimination of earmarks as well program consolidation. The bill will contain a new section titled, "America Fast Forward." This portion of the bill will enhance the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA). These funds will be used to leverage private investment.

Chairwoman Boxer has indicated that if the Senate cannot find away to pay for the proposed \$339.2 billion program, that a two year bill may considered instead.

The final draft bill with details is expected to be ready by July 4, 2011. No action is required at this time as this is an update only.