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TODAY'S WEBINAR PRESENTER



Caron Whitaker

- Caron works both as APBP's Policy Specialist and does government relations for the League of American Bicyclists.
- Prior to these positions, she served as the Campaign Director for America Bikes where she coordinated and implemented America Bikes federal policy agenda. Before that, she worked for the National Wildlife Federation on smart growth, international policy, and community engagement.
- In addition, Caron served as a Community Land Use Planner for the State of North Carolina Division of Coastal Management, providing technical assistance to local governments and staffing a stakeholders' council responsible for revising state planning regulations. She has a Masters in Environmental Management from Duke University, Nicolas School of the Environment and a Bachelors of Arts from Williams College.



FEDERAL POLICY UPDATE: progress on grants?, budget, and reauthorization

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AGENDA

USDOT

- Update on grants
- New executive order

Congress

- Reauthorization
- New Bills
- Budget



arated bike lane using a concrete curb in Austin, TX, USA that considers context in selection of facility type. Source: City of Au.



US DOT- Delayed projects

PAUSE ON TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

January 20th Pause on Transportation funding

March 11th Memo- Review on all projects with DEI concerns, Bike facilities, EV charging

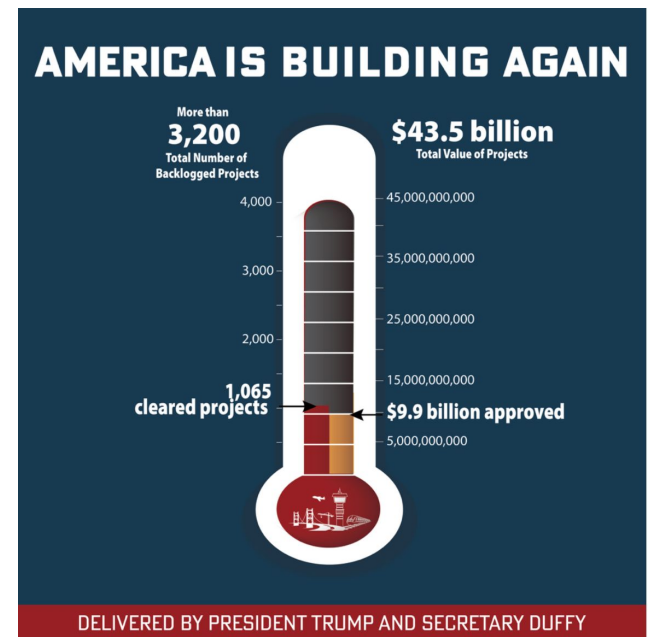
April 24th- Follow the Law letter to all grantees

May, June- DOT Announcements of grants moving forward

- As obligated? with grant agreement process?

NOW- some grants moving through, others delayed.

- Hard to find a pattern.
- At least one ATIP grant got the go ahead to start agreement process



TRUMP ADMINISTRATION REBRANDING IJA PROJECTS



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NEW EO: Ending Crime and Disorder on American Streets- July 24, 2025

Orders US DOT Secretary and other cabinet members

To prioritize discretionary grants, where possible, to states and municipalities which:

- (i) enforce prohibitions on open illicit drug use;
- (ii) enforce prohibitions on urban camping and loitering;
- (iii) enforce prohibitions on urban squatting;
- (iv) enforce, and where necessary, adopt, standards to address mentally ill people to care
- (v) substantially implement and comply with, to the extent required, the registration and notification obligations of the Sex Offender Registry and Notification Act

NEW EO: Improving Oversight on Federal Grant Making- August 7, 2025

Directs Office of Management and Budget to revise Uniform Grant Guidance, etc. to:

- require all discretionary grants to permit termination for convenience,

Impacts future grants AND awarded grants

[directs agencies to] *"take steps to revise the terms and conditions of existing discretionary grants to permit immediate termination for convenience, or clarify that such termination is permitted."*

Agencies are prohibited from announcing new funding opportunities until new review process fully established.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/08/improving-oversight-of-federal-grantmaking/>

NEW EO: Improving Oversight on Federal Grant Making- August 7, 2025

Heightened Oversight and Accountability.

- Designation of Senior Appointees to establish formal process for reviewing applicants.
- Rigorous Multi-step Review Process. Goal of eliminating duplicative or overlapping grant opportunities, promoting consistency and *reducing redundancy* across federal programs.
- Annual Reviews and Accountability Mechanisms. To ensure projects remain consistent with agency priorities / making substantial progress.
 - *Creates Accountability for those who selected the grant.*
- Future discretionary grant agreements must prohibit recipients from drawing down general grant funds for specific projects without the agency's affirmative authorization.
 - Require detailed, written justifications for each drawdown request,

NEW EO: Improving Oversight on Federal Grant Making- August 7, 2025

Stricter Criteria for Grant Awards.

- Direct Support for Presidential Policy Priorities.
- Prohibited Activities and Exclusions.
 - racial preferences or proxies
 - supporting activities that deny the sex binary in humans
 - providing support for illegal immigration
 - funding initiatives that compromise public safety or promote values deemed anti-American

Apply to funding opportunity announcements and review and approval of individual grant applications.

- Lower percent to overhead and administration

NEW EO: Improving Oversight on Federal Grant Making- August 7, 2025

Changes to Application and Review Processes.

- Focus on Clarity and Accessibility.- “Plain Language” requirement
 - Make it easier to understand, reduce need for legal/ technical experts
 - encourage a broader and more diverse applicant pool/ smaller organizations and first-time applicants
- Peer Review Remains Advisory, Not Determinative.
 - To ensures that final funding decisions are made with agency priorities and the national interest, rather than being automatically determined by external or advisory input.
- Independent Judgment and Accountability.
 - Responsibility of Senior appointees accountable to Admin. priorities
 - not review panels.

NEW EO: Improving Oversight on Federal Grant Making- August 7, 2025

New Termination and Drawdown Provisions

- Mandatory Termination for Convenience Clauses. even if the recipient is fully compliant and the project is on track.
- Revision of Existing and Future Grant Agreements.
- Require specific approval for every drawdown.
- Reporting and Implementation Requirements. **Within 30 days** each agency must report
 - Number of active discretionary awards and
 - proportion that currently include termination for convenience provisions.
 - If they don't have such provision
 - What steps are being taken to add it

MODAL ADMINISTRATORS / NOMINEES

Sean McMaster
FHWA Administrator
nominee



Jonathan Morrison
NHTSA Administrator
nominee



Marcus J. Molinaro
FTA Administrator





CONGRESS

Fall out from BBB

Reauthorization

New Bills

Budget

FALL OUT FROM BBB



Neighborhood Access and Equity program

- Reconnecting Communities inspired program
- IRA included \$3.1 billion
- Reconciliation will repeal \$1.7 billion

Rep. Maloy (R-UT)

Sen. Curtis (R-UT)

Rep. Bean (R-FL)

<https://t4america.org/2025/04/29/reconnecting-communities-projects-are-under-threat-here-is-whats-at-stake-and-where/>

REAUTHORIZATION- BILL THIS YEAR?

Sets 5 years of policy and funding

House

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

GOAL- To pass legislation out of the House this year

- Already behind original goal
- Received over 11,000 suggestions for priorities.

Graves-

- has promised bipartisan bill
- BUT - has not started bipartisan legislation discussions
- “Back to basics”



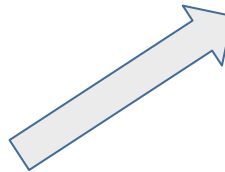
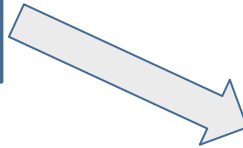
T&I Chair Sam Graves (R-MO)

HOUSE PROCESS FOR REAUTHORIZATION BILL

Transportation & Infrastructure
Committee
(policy and funding levels)

Energy & Commerce
Committee
(Car Safety Standards)

Ways & Means Committee
(finance title)



By December 31st?

Combined bill gets
debate amendments
and vote in House of
Representatives

REAUTHORIZATION- BILL THIS YEAR?

**Senate-
Usually works slower**

EPW Committee- Highways

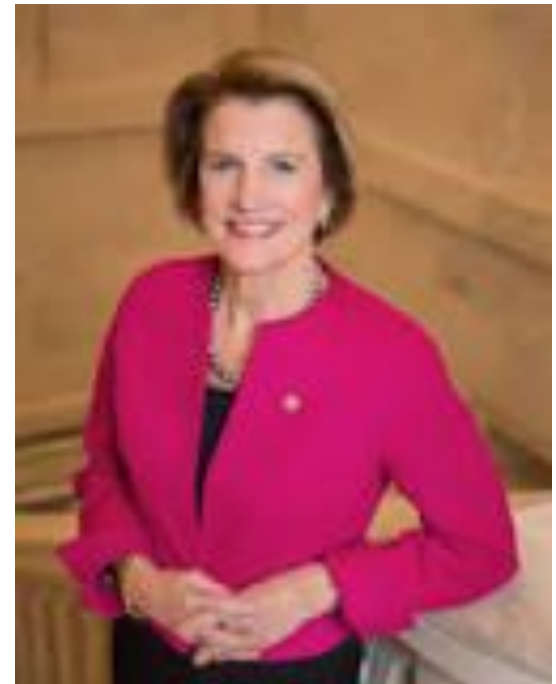
Also collected priorities from all Senators
Hopes to have draft out this year

Commerce Committee- Safety

Starting hearings
Collecting priorities from Senators

Banking Committee- Transit

Has not yet started collecting priorities



EPW Chair Shelley Moore Capito
(R-WV)

SENATE PROCESS FOR REAUTHORIZATION BILL

**Environment & Public Works
Committee**

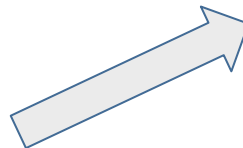
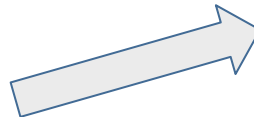
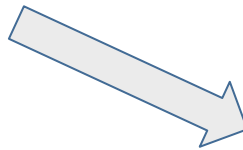
(Highway (and roads) title)

**Banking & HUD
Committee**
(Transit title)

Commerce Committee
(Safety (NHTSA) title)

Finance Committee
(Finance title)

← By Dec 31st



**Combined bill gets
debate amendments and
vote in the Senate**

CHALLENGES

- **Less discretionary programs**
 - Would there be support for SSFA being rolled into a bigger discretionary program?
 - What would that look like if combined with BUILD?
 -
- **Fewer programs overall**
 - AASHTO suggests combining TAP, PROTECT and Carbon Reduction
 - What about combining TAP with ATIIP
 -
- **Less overlap in eligibilities**
 - Only TAP for bike/ped, lose eligibility in other programs.



CONGRESS

New Bills

SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL REAUTHORIZATION ACT

To Be Introduced September 18

Maintains program as discretionary grant program

- Increases funding from \$1 billion to \$5 billion/year
- Decreases planning grants from 40% to to 20%



OMNIBUS BIKE PACKAGE

To possibly Include

- **Sarah Debbink Langenkamp Active Transportation Safety Act**
- Safe Streets and Roads for All Reauthorization Act
- Magnus White Cycling Safety Act (Cycling AEB)
- **BIKE Act (updates NHTSA Bicycling education curriculum)**
- Safe Routes to School Coordinator Act
- Bicycle Commuter Act
- E-BIKE Act
- **U.S. Bicycle Production and Assembly Act**
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Reps. Mike Thompson (D-CA), Vern Buchanan (R-FL)

TRUCK UNDERRIDE ACT

Require NHTSA to do a rulemaking

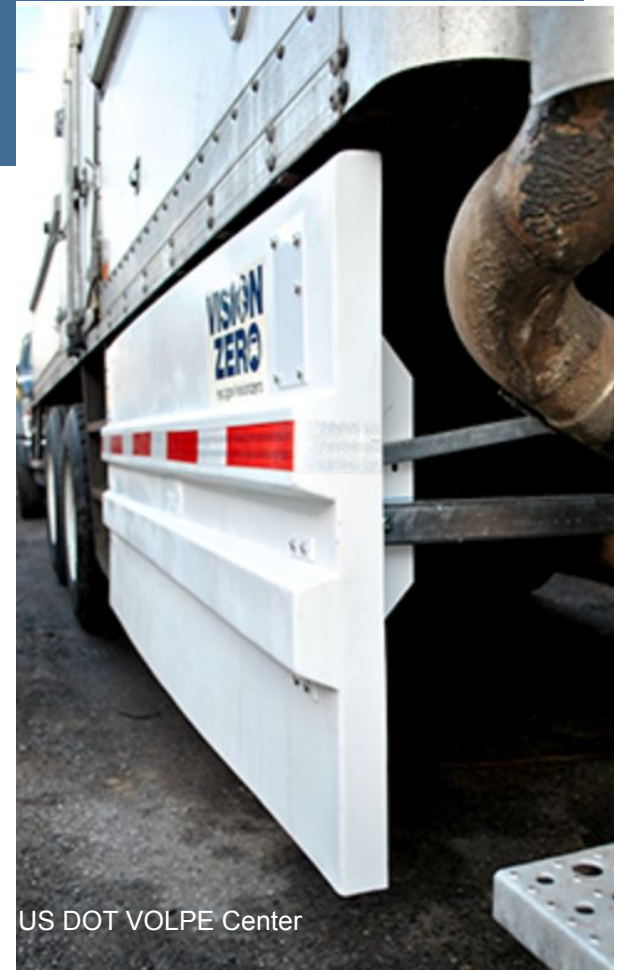
Why

- 4% of all vehicles are large Trucks
- They account for 11% of VRU fatalities

Data-

the US DOT Volpe Center found In side impact crashes, side guards:

- Reduced Bicyclist fatalities 55-75%,
- Reduced Pedestrian crashes by 20-27%



SAFETY AND FUNDING FOR E-BIKE RIDE ACT (R.I.D.E. SAFE)

RELEASE: Gottheimer Announces New E-Bike Safety Plan to Protect Children from Rise in E-Bike Accidents

Introduces New Legislation to Combat Spike in Incidents

Sep 05, 2025 [Press](#)



Incentivize states to have E-bike Safety plans

- Push bikeshare to have age verification
- Encourage helmet use
- Increase data collection
- Fund local law enforcement

SAFETY AND FUNDING FOR E-BIKE RIDE ACT (R.I.D.E. SAFE)

In Addition, Gottheimer is:

- Urging major e-bike rental companies to better enforce their own safety policies.
- Writing to Sec. Duffy to recommend guidelines on e-bike safety for states
- Urging the NJDOT and Dept of Education to create a public information campaign
- Advocating for funding for e-bike safety plans in the Reauthorization bill.

E-MOTOS VS. E-BIKES

E-motos typically:

- Have an electric motor with a power output exceeding 750 watts
- Have a bicycle-style frame equipped with one or more operating modes and a throttle
- Are capable of exceeding 20 mph using only the throttle



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<https://activetrans.org/media/do-you-know-the-difference-between-legal-classes-of-e-bikes-and-e-motos/>



BUDGET

TRANSPORTATION, HUD APPROPRIATIONS

	HOUSE	SENATE
AMTRAK	Cuts, takes funds from other programs	holds even NE Corridor Increases National route
OST- Civil Rights	zeros out	Cuts 1/3
OST- DBE	zeros out	holds even
OST BUILD	No extra increase	Adds \$25m
Reconnecting Communities	transfers to tribal programs	
NEVI (EV charging)	FAA	Highway infrastructure programs

BUDGET SHUTDOWN

Fiscal year ends Sept. 30th.

Congress can either

- pass the 2026 budget
- Shutdown the government
- Pass a “Continuing resolution” (extension)



U.S. Senate Photographic Studio-

Transportation

- 88% of the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations covered by Highway Trust Fund, so they should continue in a shut down

VIRTUAL SUMMIT- FEDERAL POLICY

Alex Karner, PhD

- How will the criteria of birth rates and marriage rates mean?
- Alternative session at TRB

A conversation with congressional staff

- Conversation on where things stand
- What both sides are hoping for in the next reauthorization
- How practitioners can get involved

QUESTION & ANSWER



Caron Whitaker

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