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Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

DATE: May 5, 2017

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RE: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill, FY 2017

Background

On May 4, 2017, Congress approved the 2017 omnibus appropriations bill (H.R. 244) which funds the federal government through the remainder of the fiscal year (FY). Below is a short summary and reference chart detailing FY 2016 and FY 2017 federal funding levels for select surface transportation and housing programs.

Summary

The 2017 omnibus appropriations bill (H.R. 244) provides \$57.7 billion in discretionary spending for the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies portion of the proposal, a \$350 million increase above FY 2016 funding levels. The bill also honors commitments from the 2015 Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, providing the authorized funding increases in surface transportation formula programs, an increase of \$1.3 billion from FY 2016, as well as funding newly-authorized programs. The bill also funds the Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program – the funding source for New Starts, Core Capacity, and Small Starts projects – at \$2.5 billion, an increase of \$230 million above authorized levels. The bill directs the Secretary of Transportation to administer CIG funding to projects with existing full funding grant agreements (FFGA), including BART to Silicon Valley, Phase 1 (\$100 million) and the San Francisco Central Subway (\$150 million), as well as to projects anticipated to enter into a signed FFGA in 2017, including the Caltrain Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (\$100 million).

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 Attachment A: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations, FY 2017

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Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations, FY 2017 (Dollars in millions)			
Program	FY 2016 Funding Level	President's FY 2017 Budget Request	FY 2017 Omnibus Appropriations Bill (H.R. 244)
Department of Transportation			
Highway Formula	\$42,361	\$43,266	\$43,266
Transit Formula	\$9,347	\$9,773	\$9,773
Capital Investment Grants	\$2,180	\$3,500	\$2,530 (\$2,412 in appropriations and \$118 in balance transfers)
Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)	\$500	\$1,250	\$500
Amtrak (total)	\$1,390	\$2,300	\$1,495
Department of Housing and Urban Development			
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$3,000
HOME	\$950	\$950	\$950
Housing Choice Vouchers Section 8 Rental Assistance (renewals)	\$17,681	\$18,447	\$18,355
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	\$335	\$335	\$356
McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants	\$2,250	\$2,664	\$2,383
Public Housing Capital Fund	\$1,900	\$1,865	\$1,942
Public Housing Operating Fund	\$4,500	\$4,570	\$4,400