

June 2016 Monthly Report for MTC



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From: Tom Bulger, President GRI

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Re: Monthly Report for June 2016

Please note that not a lot of Federal Transportation activity occurred during this past month due to other factors being the areas of focus such as gun control, abortion and Presidential politics.

- **Federal Transportation Appropriations**
- **Transit Representation on Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board's**
- **Meeting**
- **Coming and Going**

Federal Transportation Appropriations

Progress on the FY 2017 Transportation Appropriations or spending bill has ground to a halt. This is due to Presidential politics, gun control, House politics, etc. This means that it is unlikely that Congress will pass the FY 2017 Transportation Appropriations bill before the July recess or before the end of the Federal FY at the end of this September.

Transit Representation on Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board's

During the month we have been in contact with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), General Counsel's staff concerning how best to handle the recent Final Rule by the FTA on transit representation on MPO Board's. We await clarification from the FTA on this matter.

Meeting

- Meeting with Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization (AMPO) on Transit Representation on MPO Board's.

Coming and Going

- Chris Bertram, Majority Chief of Staff at the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee announced that he is leaving the Committee;
- Jim Billimoria, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Communications Director announced that he is leaving the Committee; and
- Justin Harclerode has been appointed the Committee's new Communications Director.