

March 2018 Monthly Washington, D.C. Report



To: Steve Heminger, Executive Director

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RE: Monthly Report for March 2018

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Federal FY 2018 Appropriations

On March 23, 2018, President Trump signed the FY 2018 Omnibus Appropriations package after having said earlier in the day he was considering vetoing the bill. On March 22, the House approved the bill on a 256-167 vote, followed by the Senate which passed it on a 65-32 vote on March 23.

Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development (THUD) received \$70.3 billion in discretionary authority. This compares to \$57.7 billion in FY 2017.

Transportation program highlights are as follows:

- Federal Highway Administration at \$47.5 billion with no rescission of federal highway contract authority.
- Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery at \$1.5 billion a \$1 billion increase over FY2017.
- AMTRAK at \$1.942 Billion a \$447 million increase over FY 2017.
- State of Good Repair (FRA) at \$250 million a \$225 million increase over FY 2017.
- Capital Investment Grants [Federal Transit Administration (FTA)] at \$2.6 billion a \$232 million increase over FY 2017.
- FTA formula grants at \$9.7 billion.
- FTA State of Good Repair at \$400 million
- FTA Buses -Formula at \$209 million
- FTA Bus Discretionary at \$162 million.

Additionally, the funding package includes the following:

- \$23 million for San Francisco Third Street Phase 2
- \$97.4 million for San Jose Berryessa Extension
- \$100 million for Caltrain Peninsula Electrification
- FTA Small Starts at \$400 million

Washington, D.C. Meetings

MTC Commissioners, ABAG Board Members, and staff made their first joint trip to Washington, D.C. on March 11 thru March 14, 2018. Meetings were conducted with the following offices and organizations:

Senator Harris Rep. DeSaulnier Rep Khanna Rep. Eshoo Rep. Pelosi Rep. Panetta Rep. Thompson	Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (Minority) House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (Minority) Senate Banking Committee FTA Deputy Administrator Jane Williams Transportation 4 America
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Rep. Speier Rep. Garamendi Rep. Lee Rep. Lofgren Rep. Swalwell	National Association of Regional Councils American Public Transportation Association Building America's Future Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors
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Lastly, our Annual California Transportation Congressional Reception was ANOTHER SUCCESS on March 13, 2018.

Meetings

- Why Resilient Buildings are Critical U.S. Infrastructure on March 28
- Meetings with Santa Rosa, Calif., Rep. Thompson
- Governor Brown's Washington Staff Director
- FEMA
- EDA
- HUD