

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments
Joint MTC Legislation Committee and ABAG Legislation Committee**

July 12, 2019

Agenda Item 6b

Tom Bulger's Report

Subject: June 2019 Report from Washington, D.C. advocate.

Recommendation: Information

Attachments: Attachment A: Tom Bulger's Report – June 2019


Therese W. McMillan

June 2019 Monthly Washington, D.C. Report



To: Therese W. McMillian, Executive Director

From: Tom Bulger, President GRI

Date: June 30, 2019

RE: Monthly Report for June 2019

- **House Approves Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Transportation Appropriations Bill**
- **San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Transbay Corridor Core Capacity Project Award**

House Approves Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Transportation Appropriations Bill

In late June 2019, the full House passed H.R. 3055 which contained \$86.6 billion for the United States Department of Transportation; \$167 million above FY 2019. The vote was 227 to 194.

Prior to the House vote, we worked with the Bay Area's 13 House Members to oppose Rep. Perry (R-Pa.) amendment that would reduce the Bay Area's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formula apportionments in FY 2020 by \$54 million. Additionally, the amendment would prevent FTA from requiring any Capital Investment Grant (CIG) project from having a CIG contribution below 50 percent. However, the amendment was not offered.

The Appropriations bill includes the following highlights:

- \$1 billion for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grant / Build, \$100 million above FY2019;
- \$48.9 billion for the Federal Highway Administration, \$404 million below FY 2019. Includes, \$1.75 billion for discretionary Highway Infrastructure Programs;
- \$350 million for the Federal – State Partnership for State of Good Repair, \$50 million below FY 2019; and
- \$13.5 billion for the FTA, \$60 million above FY2019. Including \$2.3 billion for CIG, \$251 below FY 2019 and \$750 million for Transit Infrastructure Grants, \$50 million above FY 2019.

San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Transbay Corridor Core Capacity Project Award

On June 20, 2019, FTA announced a \$300 million allocation in FY 2018 CIG appropriations for the Transbay Corridor project. The CIG grant will help BART buy railcars, new communications systems, a new car storage yard, new power substations to increase service between Oakland and San Francisco. The project still does not have a Full Funding Agreement but does have a very high CIG rating.