

Transportation/Aviation Update
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NEXT WEEK

FY 2025 Continuing Resolution. After the House failed this week on a vote of 202-220 to pass a Continuing Resolution (CR) that would fund the federal government from October 1 to March 31, 2025, the House will vote early next week on CR that will run through December 13. This is essentially the same position the Senate Democrats hold; however, it remains unclear if the House and Senate can agree on the details of a CR by the end of next week.

House

Hearing: The Boeing Company. On September 25, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing entitled “Implementation of Boeing’s Comprehensive Action Plan”. While witnesses have not yet been announced, it has been reported that FAA Administrator Mike Whitaker will testify. Information on the hearing is [here](#).

Hearing: Entry Level Driver Training Rule. On September 26, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing entitled “A Negotiated Rulemaking at Work: Stakeholder Perspectives on Implementation of the Entry Level Driver Training Rule”. Witnesses have not yet been announced. Information on the hearing is [here](#).

Senate

Hearing: The Boeing Company. On September 25, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs will hold a hearing entitled “FAA Oversight of Boeing’s Broken Safety Culture”. The sole witness will be FAA Administrator Mike Whitaker. Information on the hearing is [here](#).

THIS WEEK

House

Markup: Amtrak Legislation. On September 18, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee met to consider a number of bills including:

- H.R. 8689, which would require Amtrak to publicize bonuses that are paid to executives and brief Congress on ones it plans to award.
- H.R. 8692, which would mandate that Amtrak publicly disclose certain details of its board's nonpublic business meetings, such as a list of attendees.
- H.R. 9135, which would direct DOT to mandate that airlines develop an “operational resiliency strategy” to prevent or reduce the impact of flight disruptions on passengers.
- H.R. 8610, the Counter-UAS Authority Security, Safety, and Reauthorization Act.

Hearing: FY 2025 Budget for Amtrak/DOT Inspector General. On September 18, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee held a hearing on the Inspectors General (IG) of DOT, Amtrak, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Witnesses were the three IGs from those organizations. Information on the hearing is [here](#).

Senate

Hearing: Aviation Cybersecurity Threats. On September 18, the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee held a hearing to examine cybersecurity threats faced by airports and airlines, impacts and disruptions to passengers, along with how the nation's aviation sector can boost resiliency to protect against future cyberattacks. Witnesses included representatives from Airlines for America, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, and the National Consumers League. Information on the hearing is [here](#).

Department of Transportation

DOT: Innovative Finance and Asset Concession Grant Program. On September 17, DOT's Build America Bureau announced the award of \$49 million in grants to 45 local, regional, and state public entities through the [Innovative Finance and Asset Concession Grant Program](#). More than 70 percent of the projects include transit-oriented development (TOD) and downtown redevelopment initiatives, including projects that support efforts to boost housing supply and lower costs. The DOT press release is [here](#).

FTA: Ferry Grants. On September 16, FTA announced nearly \$300 million in grants to modernize the nation's ferry systems for [18 projects in 14 states](#). Of the 18 projects, eight are receiving federal support for environmentally friendly propulsion technologies, such as electric ferries and charging equipment.

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