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The APTA Board meeting was held Saturday April 11 from 11:30-5pm with a reception following. Sunday found us doing committee meetings all day. First up was the Bus Coalition meeting and then on to APTA Board Member Committee, AV Committee and finally the Legislative Committee where we got an update on current legislation and the reauthorization. A lot is going on in the AV community and this group formed 3 sub committees looking at policy, operations, and readiness. Several agencies and cities are looking at doing more in the AV world.

During the sessions on Monday and Tuesday we heard from several members of congress and staffers providing insight into the happenings of DC. It's going to be hard to get a reauthorization bill approved and signed by the deadline and most are expecting a delay as we've heard from our own advocate.

Tuesday afternoon we visited some of our delegate offices as well as others who might assist with reauthorization.

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