

**Transportation/Aviation Update**

September 19, 2025

NEXT WEEK

The House and Senate will be recessed next week for Rosh Hashanah, returning on September 29.

THIS WEEK**House**

Markup: Pipeline Safety Authorization. On September 17, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee held a full committee markup of several bills including *H.R. 5301, Promoting Innovation in Pipeline Efficiency and Safety (PIPES) Act of 2025*. The bill approved would reauthorize the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA's) pipeline safety programs for four years. Additional information is available [here](#).

Roundtable: Transit Safety. On September 16, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee held a closed-door roundtable titled "*Restoring Public Trust on Transit: Perspectives on Improving Safety*." Participants included FTA Administrator Molinaro, as well as representatives from the American Public Transportation Association; Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; Kansas City, Missouri Police Department; and Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO.

- According to the Committee release, the roundtable was scheduled to "identify actionable solutions to improve safety on publicly funded transportation systems and restore the public's trust in transit." The Committee press release, which was issued following the roundtable is [here](#).
- Administrator Molinaro said "FTA will continue to hold our transit partners and their leaders accountable until we see significant progress in the experience our commuters and transit workers are living through in our major cities. We've been given a mandate to clean up our buses and subways and we will deliver for the moms, dads, and children relying on these public services,"

Senate

DOT Nominations Confirmed. On September 18, the Senate confirmed several new DOT modal administrators including,

- Sean McMaster to be Federal Highway Administrator;

- Jonathan Morrison to lead the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

David Fink, the nominee to be Federal Railroad Administrator, could be confirmed shortly after the Senate returns on September 29.

Department of Transportation

DOT: Supply Chain Security. On September 19, DOT issued a Request for Information (RFI) seeking information from State, metropolitan, and local agencies; law enforcement; industry; stakeholders; and the public to aid in the development of strategies and potential programs to reduce cargo theft, strengthen supply chain security, and create a safe operating environment. The RFI is [here](#).

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