



Transportation/Aviation Update
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NEXT WEEK

House

Next week, the House will be in recess next week for the Juneteenth holiday, next Friday.

Senate

As of today, there are no transportation or aviation events in the next week in the Senate.

THIS WEEK

House

Markup: FY 2027 DHS Appropriations. On June 10, the Appropriations Committee voted 34-27, along party lines, to approve the FY 2027 DHS Appropriations bill. Overall, the bill provides \$11.485 billion for the Transportation Security Administration, which is a reduction of \$347 million from current levels. Bill text, before adoption of amendments, is [here](#). The Committee report is [here](#).

- *Airport Priorities.* The bill includes the following: \$97.3 million to continue staffing at certain airport exit lanes; \$45.8 million for the Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Reimbursement Program; and \$34.1 for reimbursements to state and local K–9 teams.
- *Explosive Detection Systems.* The Committee report directs the TSA to prioritize the purchase and installation of EDS at airports with chronic outages using amounts available in the Aviation Security Capital Fund.
- *Aviation Worker Screening.* The Committee report states that it “continues to be concerned with any mandate that requires airports to significantly increase airport-performed physical screening of employees and encourages TSA to reconsider pursuing such mandates.”
- *Transit Security.* The bill provides \$88 million for the Transit Security Grant Program, a decrease of \$350,000 from the FY 2026 enacted level.
- *Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response (VIPR) Teams.* The bill does not include funding for VIPR teams.

Senate

Hearing: Transportation Technology. On June 9, the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation held a hearing titled “The Need for Speed: How Technological Advances are Driving Transportation Innovation.” Witnesses included representatives from the Association of American Railroads; American Trucking Associations; Intelligent Transportation Society of America; and International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Video of the hearing can be found [here](#).

Department of Transportation

DOT: Rescinding Title VI Regulations. On June 11, DOT issued a Final Rule rescinding portions of its Title VI implementing regulations to align with the language that Congress enacted in Title VI prohibiting intentionally discriminatory conduct. The Rule is [here](#). According to DOT:

- This Rule rescinds the full text of 49 CFR 21.5(b)(2), which prohibits the use of “criteria or methods of administration which have the effect of subjecting persons to discrimination because of their race, color, or national origin, or have the effect of defeating or substantially impairing accomplishment of the objectives of the program with respect to individuals of a particular race, color, or national origin.”
- This Rule also rescinds the full text of 49 CFR 21.5(b)(7), which authorizes affirmative action even in the absence of a finding of prior discrimination in a program or activity “to assure that no person is excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of the program or activity.”
- It also rescinds the full text of 49 CFR 21.5(c)(3), which addresses employment practices subject to federal financial assistance.
- The Rule’s revisions also conform to President Trump Executive Order 14281, Restoring Equality of Opportunity and Meritocracy.

DOT: INFRA NOFO. On June 10, DOT released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) totaling \$626.7 in the INFRA grant program, with a priority for large-scale projects over \$150 million. For the first time, DOT is prioritizing projects that connect America's roads with commercial spaceports to accelerate the growth of our aerospace sector. The NOFO is [here](#). INFRA funding has been divided into two targeted tracks:

- Track 1 (\$426.7 Million) supports surface transportation projects of national and regional significance. Applications are due July 1.
- Track 2 (\$200 million) for commercial motor vehicle parking. Applications are due July 15.

FTA: Family Friendly Metrics. On June 8, FTA issued a Request for Information developing a new public dashboard that measures key family friendly metrics on transit systems. The RFI is [here](#). According to FTA, “transit systems can use this dashboard to track their progress in becoming more family-friendly.” FTA is requesting input on five key quality performance measures:

- Safety and security
- Cleanliness
- Universal accessibility
- Real time service data availability
- System reliability

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