



Transportation/Aviation Update
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NEXT WEEK

House

There are no transportation events scheduled next week in the House.

Senate

Hearing: FAA Administrator Nomination. On June 11, the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation will hold a hearing on the nomination of Bryan Bedford to be the next FAA Administrator. Mr. Bedford, who was nominated in March, has worked in the airline industry for more than 40 years, serving most recently as President and CEO at Republic Airways, based in Indianapolis.

THIS WEEK

House

Hearing: FAA FY 2026 Budget. On June 4, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee held a hearing on the FAA's FY 2026 budget and related issues. Chris Rocheleau, FAA's Acting Administrator was the sole witness. Video for the hearing is [here](#).

Hearing: Oversight of FAA Reauthorization Bill. On June 4, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee held a hearing titled "FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024: Stakeholder Perspectives on Implementation One Year Later." Witnesses included representatives from the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; National Business Aviation Association; Association of Uncrewed Vehicle Systems International; Southwest Airlines Pilots Association; and Association of Flight Attendants. Video and testimony are available [here](#).

Senate

Budget Reconciliation. Several Senate Committees are releasing their respective portion of the Budget Reconciliation bill, which will soon be considered by the full Senate. This includes two transportation-related bills:

- ***Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee.*** Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX), who chairs the Committee, unveiled its priorities for inclusion in the Budget Reconciliation bill. Like the House bill, the Senate bill includes \$12.5 billion in new funding for FAA air traffic control modernization and repeals the FAA Alternative Fuel and Low-Emission Aviation Technology program. It would add a new FAA fee on commercial space launches. The Committee section-by-section is [here](#).



- *Environment and Public Works Committee.* The bill proposed by Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), EPW Committee chair, does not include the House provision of annual charges for the Highway Trust Fund on electric and hybrid vehicles. Like the House bill, the EPW bill repeals the FHWA Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program and the Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grants Program, and rescinds unobligated balances of these programs, which were authorized in the Inflation Reduction Act. The section-by-section is [here](#).

Department of Transportation

FRA: CHSRA Project in Default. On June 4, FRA sent a letter to the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) notifying it that the project is in default of the terms of its federal grants and has no viable path forward, according to a new [report](#). FRA has provided CHSRA 37 days to respond. Unless it reverses or revises its position, FRA would then make a final determination to terminate its grant agreements and reprogram awarded and unspent federal funds.

FHWA: Bridge NOFO. On June 2, FHWA released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for nearly \$4.9 billion through the Bridge Investment Program and up to \$500 million for repairing or replacing rural bridges via the Competitive Highway Bridge Program.

- The notice solicits applications for two funding categories: (1) Planning and (2) Bridge Project grants (a project with total eligible costs not greater than \$100 million) for awards under the Bridge Investment Program.
- It establishes a “rolling application” process for Planning and Bridge Project applications by providing the schedule, requirements, and selection process for projects for the remaining available amounts of the BIP funding provided by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for FY 2023 through FY 2026, which total up to [\\$9.7 billion](#).
- The NOFO and examples of changes to the program are [here](#).