



## **2024 FEDERAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM**

### **CORE PRINCIPLES**

1. The District will pursue policies and actions that support its mission “to deliver safe, reliable, sustainable transit service that responds to the needs of our customers and communities.”
2. Our advocacy efforts will be further guided by the core values of *Safety, Service, Environmental Sustainability, Equity, Innovation, Integrity, and Trust* enshrined in the District’s Strategic Plan.

### **2024 FEDERAL ADVOCACY PRIORITIES**

#### ***Identify and secure long-term funding for...***

1. Maintenance and operations, priority capital projects, and ridership recovery
2. The delivery of reliable, equitable, accessible, and affordable public transportation
3. Addressing the District’s projected, pandemic-induced operating deficits
4. Sustaining and growing federal investments in transit infrastructure
5. Investments that protect and enhance the resiliency of the District’s physical, cybersecurity, operational, and human assets
6. Comprehensive sustainability initiatives, including but not limited to zero emission bus and paratransit program needs
7. Workforce recruitment, training, development, retention, safety, wellness, and well-being
8. Achieving compliance with federally mandated regulations

#### ***Advocate for transit-supportive laws, regulations, policies, and actions that...***

1. Provide the means needed to ensure the District’s fiscal integrity
2. Respond to customer needs and result in increased transit ridership
3. Support innovative technology initiatives, partnerships, and investments that benefit public transit and increase ridership
4. Stabilize the Highway Trust Fund and preserve, at a minimum, the 20 percent allocation to the Mass Transit Account
5. Reduce regulatory barriers to efficiently develop and deliver District projects and services
6. Require direct representation of transit properties on Metropolitan Planning Organizations
7. Support the provision of zero emission bus and paratransit vehicle service

**TIMELINE: 2024 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR**

*All dates approximate pending release of the 2024 legislative calendar.*

01/03/24	Congress Reconvenes
01/15/24 – 01/19/24	Congressional Recess: Martin Luther King Day Holiday
02/05/24	President’s FY 2025 budget request sent to Congress (could slip)
02/19/24 – 02/23/24	Congressional Recess: President’s Day Holiday
March 2024	Congress begins FY 2025 Appropriations hearings
04/01/24 – 04/12/24	Congressional Recess: Spring Holiday
05/27/24 – 05/31/24	Congressional Recess: Memorial Day Holiday
07/03/24 – 07/07/24	Congressional Recess: Fourth of July Holiday
08/07/24 – 09/06/24	Congressional Summer Recess
September 2024	Congress finalizes FY 2025 Appropriations or passes a Continuing Resolution to fund the government beyond September 30
October 2024	Congressional Recess: Election Campaign
11/05/2024	Presidential and Congressional elections
11/11/2024	Possible lame duck session starts
November – December 2024	Congress works until FY 2025 Appropriations are complete