

**Transportation/Aviation Update**June 21, 2024

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**NEXT WEEK****House**

**Markup: FY 2025 DOT Budget.** On June 27, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations Subcommittee will hold a markup of the FY 2025 budget. The full committee is scheduled to consider the bill on July 10.

- The Senate Appropriations Committee leadership is hoping to begin markups of the Senate versions of the FY 2025 appropriations bills in July.

**Hearing: DOT Oversight.** On June 27, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing on DOT programs and policies, as well as the FY 2025 budget request. Secretary Pete Buttigieg will be the sole witness. Information on the hearing will be posted [here](#).

**Senate**

The Senate begins a two-week recess today and will return to legislative session on Monday, July 8.

**THIS WEEK****Senate**

**Hearing: Transit Oriented Development.** On June 18, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee held a hearing entitled, “Unlocking Department of Transportation Financing for More Transit-Oriented Housing Development.” Witnesses included representatives from DOT’s Build America Bureau, Brookings Institute, and McCormick Baron Salazar. Information on the hearing is [here](#).

- Subcommittee Chairman Senator Brian Schatz (D-HI) highlighted the need for increased federal incentives to build additional low-income housing, noting that the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the first time authorized the use of TIFIA for Transit-Oriented Development. However, he stressed that the program needs to be streamlined to make it easier for communities to use.

**Hearing: Boeing Safety Culture.** On June 18, the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee held a hearing on Boeing’s Safety Culture. The sole witness was Boeing’s CEO, Dave Calhoun. Senators asked questions on the company’s safety, quality control and whistleblower

problems, including those involving the company's 737 MAX. Information on the hearing is [here](#).

- Senator Richard Blumenthal, Chairman of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, said he intends to hold additional hearings to ask major airlines about their experiences with Boeing.

#### Department of Transportation

**DOT: NEPA Webinars for Transit-Oriented Development.** The Build America Bureau and FTA are jointly hosting three webinars concerning National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental requirements for TIFIA and RRIF Transit-Oriented Development projects. The webinar is introductory and is intended for private developers, public agencies, and other stakeholders considering TIFIA or RRIF financing for TOD projects.

- The webinar dates are June 26, July 9, and July 15. All three webinars will feature the same information. Registration for the webinars is [here](#).

**FTA: TRACS Meeting.** On June 24, the FTA Transit Advisory Committee for Safety will meet in Washington, D.C. The meeting notice is [here](#).

**FHWA: Interoperable Vehicle Grant Awards.** On June 20, FHWA announced the award of \$60 million in grants under the Saving Lives with Connectivity: Accelerating V2X Deployment program to the States of Utah, Texas, and Arizona, with a goal of advancing connected and interoperable vehicle technologies.

- The Saving Lives with Connectivity: Accelerating V2X Deployment initiative is focused on road safety, mobility, and efficiency through technology that enables vehicles and wireless devices to communicate with each other and with roadside infrastructure and provide warnings.
- Details on the program can be found [here](#).

**FHWA: Federal/Tribal Highway Grants Awarded.** On June 20, FHWA announced that \$108 million from the Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program would be awarded to 85 projects that are geared to curb roadway fatalities and injuries on federal and tribal lands. The FHWA press release, which includes the list of grant recipients, is [here](#).

**PHMSA: Pipeline Safety Grant NOFO.** On June 18, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for nearly \$200 million as a part of the [Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization \(NGDISM\)](#) grant program, which is aimed at mitigating safety risks and methane emissions from high-risk and leak-prone legacy natural gas distribution pipes. The press release and NOFO are [here](#).

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