



NEXT WEEK

House

Floor Debate: FY 2023 Appropriations. Late next week, the House will take up H.R. 8294, FY 2023 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations bill, which has been combined with five other appropriations bills. The Committee report for the THUD portion of the bill is [here](#).

Markup: Amendments to FY 2023 Appropriations. On July 18, the Rules Committee will meet to consider amendments to the FY 2023 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill and the other five funding bills that will be on the House floor. The Rules Committee will decide which amendments can be offered and will post those before the floor debate begins. Amendments filed, including those affecting DOT, can be viewed [here](#).

Hearing: IJJA Implementation. On July 19, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing entitled “Implementing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.” Witnesses will include DOT Secretary Pete Buttigieg and possibly others. Information on the hearing is [here](#).

THIS WEEK

House

Hearing: General Aviation. On July 13, the Aviation Subcommittee of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee held a hearing to review the state of general aviation in advance of next year’s FAA Reauthorization. Witnesses included representatives from the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, American Association of Airport Executives, General Aviation Manufacturers Association, Helicopter Association International, National Air Transportation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, and National Business Aircraft Association. The full Committee’s Ranking Republican, Rep. Sam Graves, himself a pilot, said “Congress has a vested interest in making certain that general aviation remains robust and healthy.” Information on the hearing is [here](#).

Roundtable: Inflation and Infrastructure Costs. On July 14, the Republicans on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee held a Roundtable entitled “Inflation Crisis Impacts on Infrastructure.” Witnesses included representatives from the National Stone Sand and Gravel Association, American Trucking Associations, Associated General Contractors of America, National Association of Manufacturers, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and City of Wilmington, North Carolina. Representative Sam Graves (R-MO), who chaired the Roundtable said, “It’s possible and even likely that the bad economic news is going to get worse,” and that “(t)he Biden administration has left inflation completely

unchecked.” The CEO of Great Lakes Construction Company told the panel that in recent months inflation-related cost overruns led to his firm having three bids rejected by Ohio DOT. Information on the Roundtable is [here](#).
Senate

Hearing: Transit and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. On July 12, the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee held a hearing entitled “Advancing Public Transportation under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Update from the Federal Transit Administration.” FTA Administrator Nuria Fernandez was the sole witness. Testimony and video of the hearing is [here](#).

- Committee Chairman Sherrod Brown (D-OH) highlighted the value of investing in transit in light of the challenges transit now faces.
- The senior Republican, Senator Pat Toomey (R-PA) questioned the need for the doubling of funds provided for in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. He also was sharply critical of FTA’s efforts to monitor passenger safety.
- Administrator Fernandez highlighted FTA’s efforts to advance the grant programs authorized by Congress, to promote workforce development, and to improve safety, equity, and accessibility.

Department of Transportation

DOT: Grant Navigator. Last week, DOT established a beta version of a “DOT Navigator”, which is says is “a new one-stop shop to access the array of resources across the Department that are designed to provide technical assistance and help grantees navigate the grant application, transportation planning, project delivery, funding and financing, and implementation processes. The DOT Navigator includes a set of fact sheets and information to help those new to federal grant programs understand key requirements, gain tips for successful applications, and better navigate commonly required processes and terminology.” The link to the DOT Navigator is [here](#).

FTA: National Database Reporting Changes. On July 15, FTA published a Notice and requested comments on proposed changes clarifications to the National Transit Database (NTD) Safety and Security (S&S) reporting requirements. FTA is proposing changes and clarifications on two topics: (1) assaults on a transit worker; and (2) fatalities that result from an impact with a bus. The FTA Notice is [here](#).

DOT: Airline Passenger Protections. On July 8, DOT published the first-ever Airline Passengers with Disabilities Bill of Rights and issued a notice to airlines to seat young children next to a parent.

- The [Airline Passengers with Disabilities Bill of Rights](#), an easy-to-use summary of the fundamental rights of air travelers with disabilities under the Air Carrier Access Act, will empower air travelers with disabilities to understand and assert their rights, and help ensure that U.S. and foreign air carriers and their contractors uphold those rights.
- DOT also issued a [notice](#) urging U.S. airlines to ensure that children who are age 13 or younger are seated next to an accompanying adult with no additional charge.

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