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Federal Update

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**MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL
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Federal Transportation Policy Overview

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MAP-21 Reauthorization

- **The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act or MAP 21 is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2014.**
- **In early May, 2014, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee passed a \$265 billion surface transportation reauthorization bill, which would maintain funding for highways and bridges at current levels for six years with adjustments for inflation.**
- **The House will address the bill later this summer.**

Federal Transportation Policy Overview

According to a recent White House Report:

- Today there are more than 4 million miles of road, 600,000 bridges, and 3,000 transit providers in the U.S.
- 65 percent of America's major roads are rated in less than good condition, one in four
- Bridges require significant repair or cannot handle today's traffic, and forty five percent of Americans lack access to transit.

Federal Investment in Minneapolis:

- Green Line—Approximately **\$480 million** in federal investment (earmarks, direct funding authorization, Full Funding Grant Agreement)
- Bikeways Funding—\$25 million was secured for Minneapolis Bike and Bike Infrastructure in the 2005 Transportation Authorization Bill
- Street Cars— Nicollet-Central Modern Streetcar project received a **\$900,000** grant in 2010 to study Alternative Analysis.
- Urban Partnership Agreement-- in 2007 Minnesota was awarded a \$133-million UPA grant to address congestion into downtown Minneapolis.

Highway Trust Fund

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Highway Trust Fund

- The Department of Transportation predicts the HTF will drop below a sustainable level, in late July, 2014, preventing federal officials from sending money out to states.
- A funding shortfall could produce huge problems – halting construction in states that depend on federal money for contracts they've already signed and putting 700,000 construction jobs at risk.
- The Highway Trust Fund rescue funds the program through May 31, 2015 by raising approximately \$10.9 billion in funding through a combination of prolonging customs fees on importers that would have expired, changing rules on private pension contributions, and transferring nearly \$1 billion from a separate trust fund intended to clean up underground oil spills

Highway Trust Fund Fix

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- House passed a nearly \$11 billion patch ([HR 5021](#)) to keep the Highway Trust Fund solvent until May, 2015.
- The Senate Plans to vote this week

Federal Bridge Funding // Resources

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- **TIGER**
- **TIFIA**
- **Economic Development Agency**
- **State Allocated Federal Funds (STP)**
- **Value of Input from Cities on need**

Federal Aviation Administration Update

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- **FAA Reauthorization (Expires September 30th, 2015)**
- **Legislative Categorical Exclusion (CATEX-2) for RNAV Implementations**
- **RNAV Advocacy**

Minneapolis National/Federal Involvement

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- **N.O.I.S.E.**

- **PARTNER // ASCENT**

- **FAA NOISE Study (Sleep disturbance and Annoyance):**
- **PBN (RNAV) Implementation Best Practices Task Group**
 - **NextGen Advisory Committee// RTCA**

Questions?

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