Legislative Update

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US Congress Update

SAFETEA-LU authorization, motor fuels taxes, and transportation appropriations extended through March 31, 2012

House and Senate are getting close on major issues for a full authorization bill
- Current funding level
- Transportation Enhancements optional
- Strengthening current credit assistance tools (TIFIA, SIBs)

Length of the bill is the biggest discussion point now

Revenue still needs to be identified to continue funding at current levels

Deficit Reduction Committee action needed by November 23 or sets in motion $1.2 trillion in across-the-board cuts
Legislative Communications Plan

Increased RTC Member Involvement Requested

Visits to legislative offices within the region

Personalized, hand-written correspondence

Provide education to legislators on the RTC process and updates on projects

Identify committee leadership and also provide education

Communicate legislative priorities
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