It’s Always Infrastructure Week: a look at FAST Act reauthorization

Michigan Transportation Bonanza
February 13, 2020
Capitol Hill Climate

• Post-Impeachment, Pre-Election Window
• Bipartisan on the What … Infrastructure
• Disagreement on the How … Paying for it
• Messaging
A long strange trip
Bill Timing

Key Milestones

• FAST Expires September 30, 2020
• Federal FY Ends September 30, 2020
• EPW Bill Approved September 2019
• T&I “Framework” January 2020
• HTF “Insolvency” December 2021
The ‘Pay For’ Problem … Some Numbers

1993  Last Federal Gas Tax Increase
287   Senate EPW Bill
79    Annual HTF to EPW Gap
110   Annual HTF to EPW+Transit Gap
434   House Framework
226   Annual HTF to Framework Gap
2022  GAO Insolvency Under Current Law
Funding Options

- Increase Gas Tax
- VMT Levy
- EV Fees
- Build America Bonds
- General Fund
APA Priorities for Reauthorization

- Sustainable Funding
- Tackle Climate and Resiliency
- Advance Active Transportation, Transit, Safety
- Focus on the Future
Senate EPW Bill – S. 2302
‘a high floor, low ceiling’

Highway Portion; Transit Still to Come
Builds on the Existing Core
Crafty on $$ … Higher Funding, Not Percentages, But New Programs
Delaware Miracle … 1st Climate Change Title
Progress on Bike, Ped; Modest Shifts on Planning, PL Increase
House Dem Framework

Comprehensive Infrastructure Package @ $760B
Transportation @ $434B
Bill Text Pending

Key Areas
- Climate & Resiliency
- Fix it First
- Bike / Ped / Safety
- Shifts in Core Programs
- Transit Expansion

Questions Remain

Framework Funding (in $ billions)
- Highway
- Transit
- Safety

Plus $55B for Rail, $30B for Airports