

GAMPO Update – FHWA GA Division December 6, 2011

Reauthorization

On November 18, 2011, the President signed a “minibus” conference package of three appropriations bills, including the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development legislation that provides FHWA funding through the end of this 2012 fiscal year. Some highlights of the Conference Report for H.R. 2112 for FY 2012 are: \$500 million for TIGER discretionary grants and a Federal-aid Obligation Limitation of \$39,143,582,670, roughly equivalent to new contract authority for the year based on annualization of the extension. The final bill can be found <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr2112enr/pdf/BILLS-112hr2112enr.pdf>

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee(T&I) chairman John Mica (R-FL) announced Wednesday, November 30 that the T&I committee will not be marking up a surface transportation reauthorization bill in 2011. Mica said the legislative schedule was just too crowded to be able to squeeze in a markup of a long-term reauthorization bill before the Hill adjourns for the year. Because Congress will reconvene in January, 2012, but will leave almost immediately for respective party strategy caucuses, Mica does not expect to address the proposal earlier than February, 2012.

Information on President Obama’s \$447 billion American Jobs Act plan may be found at:
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/09/08/fact-sheet-and-overview>

Information on The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee reauthorization proposal, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) can be found at:
http://epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Files.View&FileStore_id=6faa8089-51ae-4e8a-ae20-4055294798f3

Status of the Highway Account of the Highway Trust Fund as of September 30, 2011

- The Highway Account of the Highway Trust Fund ended FY 2011 with a balance of \$14.4 billion.
- For FY 2011, net tax receipts have been 6.0% higher than the same period in FY 2010 and outlays have been 16.6% higher.
- Further information can be found at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/highwaytrustfund>

Climate Change

Resources, <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/climate/resources.htm>
Summaries of Workshops, Peer Exchanges, Webinars and Assessments.

Livability

Resources, FHWA, <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/livability/resources> Partnership for Sustainable Communities <http://www.sustainablecommunities.gov>

FHWA GA Division hosting workshops in February (Livability) and May (Complete Streets).