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To: Members of the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

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Subject: JPACT Federal Policy Agenda

I. Previous JPACT Policy Agendas

JPACT typically adopts a federal legislative policy agenda. In recent years, that agenda has focused on supporting increased multimodal investment, increasing local flexibility and funding, and advancing investments in safety projects, transportation investments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and projects to address resiliency. The goal has been to support federal level policy that better aligns with the needs and goals of the region and help position jurisdictions in the region to better compete for federal funds.

After more than a decade of JPACT (and almost every national transportation stakeholder) lobbying for a significant transportation investment, Congress passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in the fall of 2021. Consequently, our legislative agenda this year looks different than in years past: our first focus is saying thank you to our congressional delegation for all their hard work, and then weighing in on key areas where implementation will make our region more competitive.

II. Development of the 2022 JPACT Policy Agenda

The policy agenda was developed using the following questions:

- What policies and projects has JPACT recently supported and endorsed?
- What key policies do we want to see emphasized during implementation in order to help the region meet its goals?
- How can the region position itself strategically to bring as much of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding back to the region as possible?
- How can the region work with our congressional delegation and USDOT to bring as much funding back to the region as possible?

III. 2022 JPACT Policy Agenda

As JPACT engages in the implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, we continue to hold true to the policy principles which have guided our previous advocacy:

1. Robustly fund multimodal transportation projects and transportation planning
2. Use transportation investments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector, improve safety on our roads, and improve the resiliency and functionality of our transportation system
3. Ensure that transportation investments support improved outcomes for everyone, particularly people of color, who have historically been underinvested in or harmed by transportation funding and policy
4. Invest locally and support local engagement, direction, and planning of the transportation system

5. Improve transit access and impact, and help build more transit projects across the country

We will be looking for ways to advance these principles as USDOT advances rulemaking and grant funding opportunities.

III. Next Steps

The JPACT DC trip will take place June 7th through 9th. JPACT staff will continue to refine our legislative packet, prepare scripts for our meetings, and support logistics around the trip.