

JPACT Worksheet

Agenda Item Title: Federal Reauthorization Status update

Presenters: Betsy Emery, Federal Affairs Advisor, Oregon Metro

Contact for this worksheet/presentation: Betsy Emery, Betsy.Emery@oregonmetro.gov

Purpose/Objective

The current Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) expires on September 30, 2026, triggering a major legislative effort to write a new bill. Surface transportation reauthorization is the primary tool Congress uses to renew, fund, and update the programs that build and maintain the nation's roads, bridges, transit, and multimodal networks. The reauthorization bill establishes funding levels, defines federal priorities, and determines which projects are eligible for federal funding and what outcomes are prioritized over a 5-6 year period. The current surface transportation bill, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), expires on September 30, 2026, setting up a major legislative effort across eight different House and Senate committees to write a new bill that will shape future transportation investments and policies.

In preparation for the reauthorization process, JPACT adopted a set of policy priorities for the reauthorization bill in fall 2025, which informed last year's advocacy during the trip to D.C.

Attached is a memo providing an update about the status of negotiations surrounding the surface transportation reauthorization, emerging policy and funding themes, and how JPACT's priorities are faring.

Outcome

JPACT members will be aware of the current status of the federal surface transportation reauthorization bill and how their federal legislative priorities are being considered as initial preparation for JPACT's 2026 trip to D.C. begins.

What has changed since JPACT last considered this issue/item?

JPACT has not discussed the surface transportation reauthorization bill since fall 2025 when they created and adopted advocacy priorities for the 2025 JPACT trip to D.C. Since then, Congress has made progress toward advancing a bill: Committees have held hearings and collected proposals for their consideration, the USDOT has signaled their priorities, and Members of Congress have introduced bills outlining their policy positions.

What packet material do you plan to include?

- Surface Reauthorization Update Memo
- JPACT's submission to the USDOT's Request for Information for reauthorization priorities