

# JPACT Worksheet

**Agenda Item Title:** Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill – Initial Regional Priorities

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## **Purpose/Objective**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), also known as the Infrastructure and Investment in Jobs Act (IIJA) expires on September 30, 2026. Congress has already started the process of crafting the next “surface transportation reauthorization” bill to replace the BIL upon its expiration. This legislative work is led by two Congressional committees: the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which Rep. Hoyle serves on, and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, which Sen. Merkley serves on.

During this JPACT agenda item, staff will provide a high-level overview of what a surface transportation reauthorization bill is and a summary of the conversations that are already underway in D.C. Most of the agenda item will be focused on presenting JPACT members with an initial set of regional priorities for feedback and discussion. This draft set of priorities has been informed by JPACT’s adopted priorities for the 2025 state transportation package, goals defined in the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan, and discussions among jurisdictional partner staff.

## **Outcome**

JPACT members will learn about the federal surface transportation reauthorization bill and provide feedback on the draft set of regional priorities.

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

This will be the first time JPACT is having a dedicated conversation about the surface transportation reauthorization bill because this item was bumped from the March 2025 agenda to accommodate robust discussion and public comment.

There is a change in the original proposed timeline for JPACT’s adoption of a set of regional priorities. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has unexpectedly opened their portal for organizations to submit proposals for their consideration when drafting the bill text. They are working on an aggressive deadline of April 30<sup>th</sup>. To accommodate this accelerated Congressional timeline, staff will present the draft set of priorities at the April 2025 and incorporate that feedback into a refined version of priorities to submit to the House Committee. This submission will be clearly marked as draft with the caveat that they are being considered for adoption during the May 2025 meeting.

Upon JPACT’s adoption, we will share the final version of the priorities with the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. We will have additional opportunities to engage on these priorities when the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee opens their portal for submitting requests. The Senate Committee hasn’t provided a timeline yet. The priorities will also inform JPACT’s advocacy during the trip to D.C. (September 8-10).

## **What packet material do you plan to include?**

The following materials are included in the packet:

- a draft initial set of regional priorities for the surface transportation reauthorization bill

- an updated draft timeline of the work plan reflecting this announcement from the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee