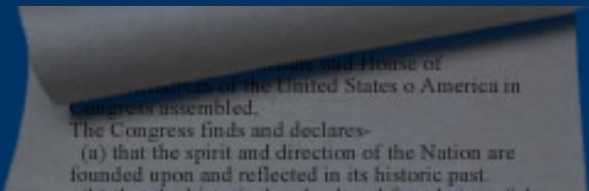


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HILL OUTLOOK

It's been a slow week on the Hill with Congress back in their districts for the President's Day district work period. Action resumes next week with the Senate considering their version of a second jobs bill. It's still very unclear whether or not they have the 60 votes necessary for passage. The House Natural Resources committee will be back in full swing with the following meetings:

Wednesday - Full Committee mark-up to consider the following:

[H.R. 1078](#) (Arcuri – D/NY): To establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, and for other purposes. *"Harriet Tubman National Historical Park and Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park Act"*

[H.R. 4003](#) (Hinchey – D/NY): To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate resources in the Hudson River Valley in the State of New York to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. *"Hudson River Valley Special Resource Study Act"*

[H.R. 4192](#) (Mike Thompson D/CA): To designate the Stornetta Public Lands as an Outstanding Natural Area to be administered as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes. *"Stornetta Public Lands Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2009"*

[H.R. 765](#) (Heller – R/NV): To establish the Nellis Dunes National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area, and for other purposes. *"Nellis Dunes National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area Act of 2009"*

[H.R. 1769](#) (Reichert – R/WA): To expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt

River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes. *"Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act"*

[H.R. 2788](#) (Calvert – R/CA): To designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California. *"Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act"*

[H.R. 4395](#) (Platts – R/PA): To revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes.

Thursday – Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands will hold a hearing on the following:

[H.R. 2100](#) (Franks – R/AZ): To provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Mohave Valley, Mohave County, Arizona, administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the Arizona Game and Fish Department, for use as a public shooting range.

[H.R. 4438](#) (Rodriguez – D/TX): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to lease space from a nonprofit group or other government entity for a park headquarters at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to expand the boundary of the Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes. *"San Antonio Missions National Historical Park Leasing and Boundary Expansion Act of 2010"*

[H.R. 4491](#) (Speier – D/CA): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the

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early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes. *"Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act"*

[H.R. 4524](#) (Shuler – D/NC): To authorize funding to protect and conserve lands contiguous with the Blue Ridge Parkway to serve the public, and for other purposes. *"Blue Ridge Parkway Protection Act"*



DOT FY11 BUDGET REQUEST PLACES EMPHASIS ON LIVABILITY, SAFETY, AND PLACE-BASED DEVELOPMENT

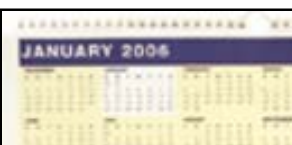
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The Department of Transportation requests a total of \$78.8 billion for FY 2011, which is a slight increase over the \$77 billion requested last year. Many DOT programs have been restructured to reflect the Administration's new emphasis on "transportation safety, livable communities and place-based development." In FY 2011, funding for both highways and transit would increase slightly to \$42.8 billion and \$10.8 billion, respectively. Amtrak funding would increase by \$50 million, from \$1.565 billion to \$1.615 billion. The Administration requests \$1 billion for high-speed rail, in line with their promise to provide \$5 billion for the program over five years, in addition to the \$8 billion included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). HSR received \$2.5 billion in the FY10 appropriations bill.

The budget proposal includes a request for \$527 million to fund its Livable Communities Program. As part of the Partnership for Sustainable Communities Initiative, this funding will be combined with \$150 million in planning grants from HUD and \$10 million for technical assistance from EPA. The DOT funding will come from three separate locations: \$307 million in transit funding to increase the planning and project development capabilities, \$200 million in highway funding for a competitive livability grant program and \$20 million to establish an Office of Livable Communities in the Office of the Secretary.

A major new program in FY 2011 is the National Infrastructure Innovation and Finance Fund, established to provide both grants and loans for multi-modal projects of regional or national significance. The budget includes a \$4 billion request as a down payment on a \$25 billion commitment to the fund. Funding will also be available to support the planning and feasibility studies necessary to identify potential projects (\$150 million). This program is a departure from the traditional way of funding projects at DOT, and is modeled generally on the multimodal discretionary grants including in the ARRA. These grants, known as the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Program, did not receive any funding for FY 2011, but an additional \$600 million in TIGER grants is available for FY10.

Program	FY2009	ARRA	FY2010	FY2011	+/- ('10 and '11)
Highways	\$39.7 billion	\$27.5 billion	\$43.1 billion	\$42.8 billion	-\$300 million
Livable Communities	-	-	-	\$200 million	NEW
Amtrak	\$1.49 billion	\$1.3 billion	\$1.6 billion	\$1.6 billion	\$0
High Speed Rail	-	\$8 billion	\$2.5 billion	\$1 billion	-\$1.5 billion
Transit	\$10.2 billion	\$8.4 billion	\$10.7 billion	\$10.8 billion	+\$100 million
Capital Investment Grants	\$1.8 billion	\$750 million	\$1.99 billion	\$1.82 billion	-\$170 million
Transit Formula Grants	\$8.26 billion	\$6.9 billion	\$8.34 billion	\$8.63 billion	+\$290 million
Livable Communities	-	-	-	\$307 million	NEW
TIGER/Multi-modal discretionary	-	\$1.5 billion	\$600 million	\$0	-\$600 million
Urbanized Area Programs	\$3.7 billion	-	\$5.3 billion	\$6 billion	+\$700 million
Non-Urbanized Area Programs	-	-	-	\$695 million	
Transit in Parks	\$27 million	-	TBD	\$27.4 million	TBD
Fixed Guideway Modernization	\$1.4 billion	\$750 million	\$1.7 billion	\$515 million	-\$1.18 billion
Research & Innovation Technology Admin	\$13 million	-	\$13.2 million	\$17 million	+\$3.8 million
NHTSA	\$127 million	-	\$143 million	\$136 million	-\$7 million
Federal Transit Safety Program	-	-	-	\$30 million	NEW
National Infrastructure Innovation and Finance Fund	-	-	-	\$4 billion	NEW
DOT Office of Livable Communities	-	-	-	\$20 million	NEW



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2-5, 2010 – NCSHPO annual meeting and Advocacy Day, Washington D.C.
 July 28-30, 2010 – NCSHPO Summer Board Meeting, Grand Rapids, MI