**House Proposal to Keep the Government open through December 11th**

The House Democrats have proposed stop gap legislation to fund certain government agencies through December 11, 2020, to thwart a Government shutdown. The proposed resolution known as a Continuing Resolution (CR) would keep Government agencies funded until after the elections, giving Congress more time to work out a bi-partisan agreement.

The legislation itself is straightforward as it continues funding levels of certain government agencies into the new fiscal year through December 11. There are a few programs that the legislation fund through the entire fiscal year.

* Federal highway, transit, and road safety programs would be extended by one year, through Sept. 30, 2021.
* The bill would appropriate $13.6 billion from the general fund into the Highway Trust Fund: $10.4 billion into the Highway Account and $3.2 billion into the Mass Transit Account.

The measure also would:

* Increase to $600 million, from $500 million, the cap on the amount of funding for nationally significant freight and highway projects that could go toward intermodal freight projects.
* Increase to $26.6 million, from $21.2 million, the authorization for National Highway Traffic Safety Administration research into in-vehicle technology to prevent drunk driving.
* Repeal a prohibition on federal funding to cover operating losses on Amtrak routes.
* Extend by one year, through Sept. 30, 2021, the Transportation Department’s loan and loan guarantee authority to support development near rail stations.

The U.S. Senate led by Republicans have already raised concerns over this CR, setting up another potential political battle that could possibly lead to a Government shutdown.

TIA will continue to monitor the status of the CR and the potential of a shutdown. TIA is disappointed that a long-term surface transportation reauthorization bill was unable to be moved through the 116th Congress and will continue to work on the reauthorization and our legislative priorities for the remainder of the 116th Congress and the 117th Congress. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us at [advocacy@tianet.org](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cburroughs.TIANET%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5CBB68WZR8%5Cadvocacy%40tianet.org).