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The <u>TIA Political Action Committee</u> (<u>TIAPAC</u>) is excited to be hosting our Inaugural Texas Dove Hunt sponsored by **TRIUMPH Business Capital** on **September 14-15, 2021** in Albany, Texas at TRIUMPH's private ranch. Whether you are an experienced hunter, a novice, or a first-timer, this will be an amazing event. This event will be packed with filed with Association leaders, networking opportunities, and TRIUMPH's award-winning BBQ!

The event supports <u>TIAPAC</u> and the Association's legislative efforts on Capitol Hill. TIA Members and staff have been extremely engaged in the 117th Congress working on several legislative initiatives, as we look to improve the 3PL industry and protect our Members bottom lines. The buy-in for this event is \$2,500 which covers all expenses except your flight to and from Texas.

This is an extremely limited event and will sell out quickly! Please do not hesitate to register today by emailing burroughs@tianet.org.

Full itinerary will be available soon.

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Senate EPW Clears Their Portion of the Highway Bill



Recently, the Leadership from the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) reached a bi-partisan agreement on their respective portion of the surface transportation reauthorization bill, that is moving forward through Congress. Senators Carper (D-DE), Capito (R-WV), Cardin (D-MD) and Cramer (R-ND) reached an agreement Saturday which was then unanimously supported out of Committee during a markup on Wednesday May 26th.

The larger surface transportation reauthorization bill includes portions from four Senate Committees, including: the EPW Committee, the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, the Banking, Housing and Urban Development, and the Finance Committee, who is responsible for finding the funding solution.

Here is what you need to know:

- •The bill is a 34% increase in funding from the previous FAST Act which expires September 30th, 2021;
- ·The language authorizes Federal program for five years, ending in 2026;
- ·This bill adds includes expansive language as it relates to climate change and climate resiliency projects;
- ·There is a new National Motor Vehicle Per-Mile User Fee Pilot Program which will be testing the usefulness of this pay-for method;
 - For the purposes of the pilot program, the Secretary of the Treasury shall establish, on an annual basis, per-mile user fees for passenger motor vehicles, light trucks, and medium- and heavy-duty trucks, which the amounts may vary between vehicle types and weight classes to reflect estimated impacts on infrastructure, safety, congestion, the environment, or other related social impacts.
- ·A new push to study emerging technology like electric vehicle, automated vehicle and more.

TIA's legislation does not fall under this released plan. Our legislative priorities would fall under the jurisdiction of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, as they handle the "safety title" of the re-authorization bill. We continue to meet with staff in this Committee to push for our priorities.



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Make Sure to Follow the New TIA Government Affairs Twitter

Please follow us on our new TIA Government Affairs Twitter page <u>@3PLGovAffairs</u> for all the latest updates on our efforts in Washington, D.C. This will give you access to the day-to-day activities of our Government Affairs team and a front row seat to Congress working through negotiations and updates to legislation that is germane to you. Congressman Auchincloss said to us last week, that Congress will send an infrastructure package to the President's desk before September. We hope you will join us in our advocacy efforts.

TIA Thanks All Those That Served Our Nation

In honor of Memorial Day, TIA staff thanks and remembers all those men and women that served this great nation and made the ultimate sacrifice.

"Words are even more feeble on this Memorial Day, for the sight before us is that of a strong and good nation that stands in silence and remembers those who were loved and who, in return, loved their countrymen enough to die for them."

- President Ronald Reagan.

TIA Policy Forum Registration Open

Registration for the <u>2021 TIA 3PL Policy Forum</u> (fly-in) is open and will be TIA's first in-person event in nearly two years! Taking place September 28-29, 2021, the <u>Policy Forum</u> is the premier event for the 3PL industry in Washington, D.C. This two-day event provides TIA Members the opportunity to partake in lobbying their Members of Congress on the importance of their business and the 3PL industry.

This is an amazing experience, where it is essentially a turn-key for TIA Members as TIA staff handles all the logistics for the events and the scheduling of the Congressional meetings. TIA staff will provide a webinar prior to the event to walk through the entire process and will do another orientation at the morning breakfast as well.

We are also excited to hold our first event TIAPAC event during the <u>Policy Forum</u>. More details coming soon on this.

