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All Eyes on Washington

This week over 80 TIA Members will travel to Washington, DC and participate virtually at the annual TIA 3PL Policy Forum. This is the premier event for TIA, and your chance to travel to Washington and advocate on behalf of your business, the 3PL industry and TIA. This year, we are excited to have Mr. Jack Van Steenberg, Executive Director & Chief Safety Officer for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA); Federal Maritime Commission's (FMC) Chairman, the Honorable Dan Maffei; and Ms. Sara Fagen, CEO of Deep Root Analytics, who will be providing a 2022 Election outlook and forecast.

The 3PL Policy Forum gets better and better every year, as does the value and impact the event has on TIA's advocacy and lobbying efforts. TIA will be advocating for two important pieces of legislation this year: H.R. 3042, the Motor Carrier Safety Selection Standard (MCSSS) and S. 2322, the C-TPAT Pilot Program Act of 2021. Additionally, Members will be lobbying against the PRO Act, which potentially could have devastating effects on independent contractors throughout the supply-chain.

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Furthermore, TIA is honored to present Congressman Mike Gallagher (R-8 th /WI) and Congressman Seth Moulton (D-6 th /MA) with the TIA 3PL Congressional Leadership this year. Congressmen Gallagher and Mouton are the lead sponsors of H.R. 3042 and champions for the 3PL industry. We are excited about the upcoming week and future TIA 3PL Policy Forums!

Big Week for Infrastructure Ahead

Last week, there was a lot of chatter from Congressional leaders on how the infrastructure package was coming together. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer affirmed last week that the House was still aiming for the vote to be on the 27th but could slip to the 28th depending on how the debate goes and how much votes would be needed to sway.

Since there was no stopgap funding patch for surface transportation included in the continuing resolution that the House passed last week on Tuesday, passing the infrastructure bill early next week is the best shot at averting a shutdown of Highway Trust Fund programs on Sept. 30, when the current authorization expires. Though Hoyer suggested the infrastructure vote is more or less on track, he did admit, "it may well be the case"; that the text for the \$3.5 trillion in reconciliation spending will not be ready for the Senate by next week's deadline." ;But we're going to do it as soon as we possibly can, as soon as it's ready," he added.

House T&I Chairman DeFazio has indicated that there is no Plan B now and there is absolutely no room for error. It is also unclear at the moment how many moderate Democrats plan to oppose the measure, while at the same time an internal "whip count" of Republicans shows that four Republicans would likely support the measure.

This will no doubt be a make-or-break week for infrastructure and whether or not Congress will be able to get this major priority of the Biden Administration across the finish line.



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TIAPAC Dove Hunt was a Huge Success

Two weeks ago, several TIA Members and staff members traveled to West Texas for the 1st Annual TIAPAC Dove Hunt held at the TRIUMPH Business Capital ranch. It was an amazing experience for the members who participated, several of which had never hunted before. The hunt was a lot of fun, the award-winning BBQ was outstanding, and the networking and friendship with other industry peers was second to none. TIA would like to extend a huge thank you to TRIUMPH for hosting this event, and we look to make this an annual event.

If you are interested in learning more about participating at next year's 2nd Annual TIAPAC Dove Hunt, please feel free to contact Chris Burroughs at burroughs@tianet.org.

