

Federal Policy Updates

Executive Board

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Reconciliation & Recissions

- Reconciliation bill signed by President July 4
- Extends tax cuts, cuts Medicaid and SNAP
- [Summary of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act](#)
- Recission package passed July 18, discussions on another package



President's Budget/FY 2026 Appropriations



- April 30, President Trump released a “skinny” budget
- May 30, the White House shared additional details for President’s FY 2026 budget request
- House Appropriations Committee passed Transportation-HUD bill
- Senate Appropriations Committee marking up Transportation-HUD bill today, July 24



HUD Budget – House FY 2026 Appropriations

- \$939m decrease in HUD budget
- 26% reduction in staff
- HOME not funded
- Does not extend Emergency Housing Vouchers
- Does not combine rental assistance programs or consolidate grant programs
- Includes flexibility for PHAs that could allow work requirements and time limits



NLIHC Summary



Transportation Budget – House FY 2026 Appropriations



- \$22b discretionary spending – \$3.5b cut from FY 25, \$83b in mandatory obligations for infrastructure
- \$14.9b for FTA – \$1.7b cut from FY25
- \$62.6b for FHWA – \$300m less FY2025
- Does not provide additional funding for BUILD(formerly RAISE) or MEGA



Surface Transportation Reauthorization



Chair Sam Graves, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Priorities :

- Focus on formula funding
- Cut red tape for transportation projects
- Provide state flexibility Fix the Highway Trust Fund so all users are paying in
- Bipartisan Approach similar to FAA process

USDOT RFI seeking comments on surface transportation programs until August 20, 2025



An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely Bremerton, Washington. The image shows a large industrial area with numerous buildings and docks along a deep blue waterway. A marina with many sailboats is visible on the left. A long bridge spans the water, connecting the industrial area to the city. The city itself is a mix of residential houses and larger commercial buildings, extending towards the background where forested hills and snow-capped mountains are visible under a clear sky.

Thank You!

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