

Federal Surface Transportation Authorization Update



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METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Federal Transportation Bill Background

- Congress updates federal surface transportation funding and policy approximately every five years.
- Current Law: 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
- Authorizes funding and policy through September 31, 2026.



Federal Funds in the Bay Area

The Bay Area invests federal transportation funds in public transit, road repair, safety and mobility projects throughout the region. Major MTC funding programs and investment types include:



One Bay Area Grant Program



Transit Capital Priorities Program



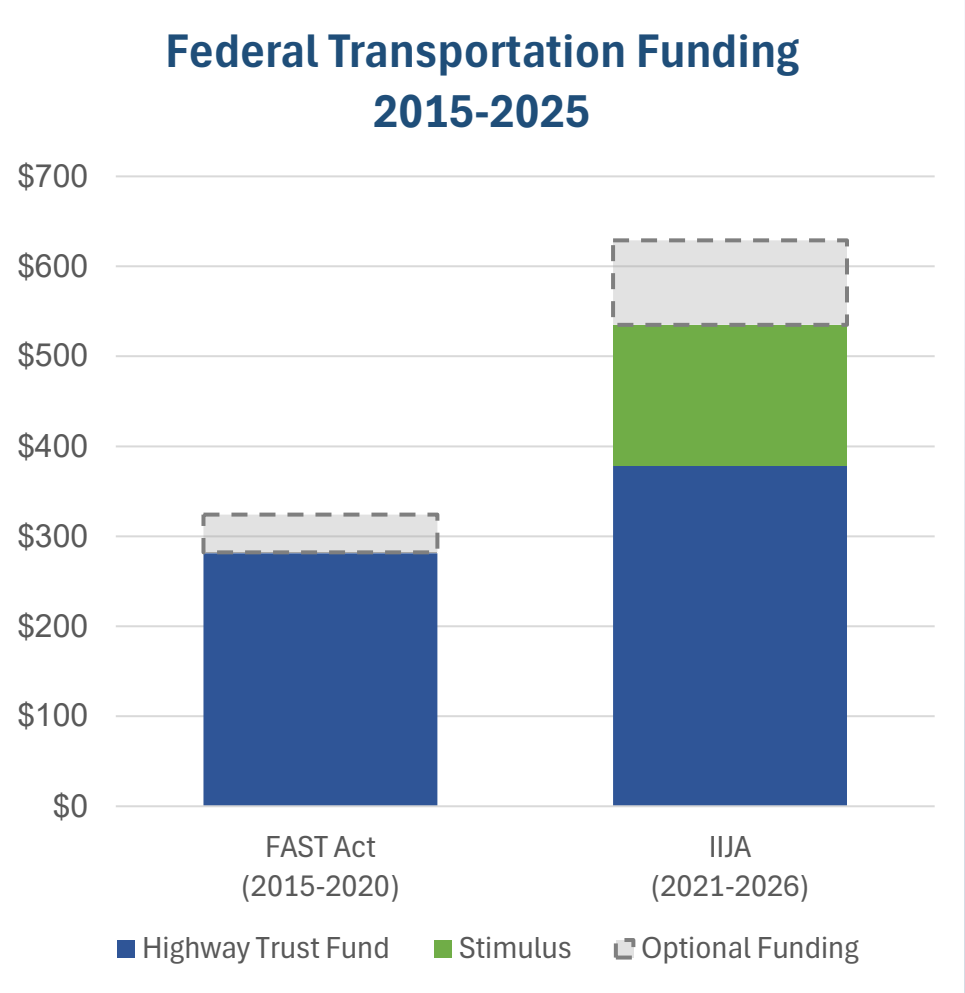
MTC Climate and Active Transportation Programs



Transit Expansion and Other



Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act



IIJA Funding Impact in the Bay Area

Program	Change	Source of growth
 OBAG	Modest growth	
 Carbon Reduction + Regional ATP	Modest growth	
 Transit Capital Priorities	Significant growth	
 Caltrans highway funds	Significant growth	
 Competitive grants	Major expansion	

MTC's Advocacy Priorities

Transit Formula

- Sustain ~\$700 million/year in Bay Area federal transit formula funds
 - \$75 million/year of Section 5337 State of Good Repair funds are at risk with cessation of IIJA stimulus

Highway Formula

- Sustain California's federal highway funds, including funds that flow to Bay Area for OBAG, CRP and ATP
 - \$650 million/year in state highway funds at risk with cessation of IIJA stimulus

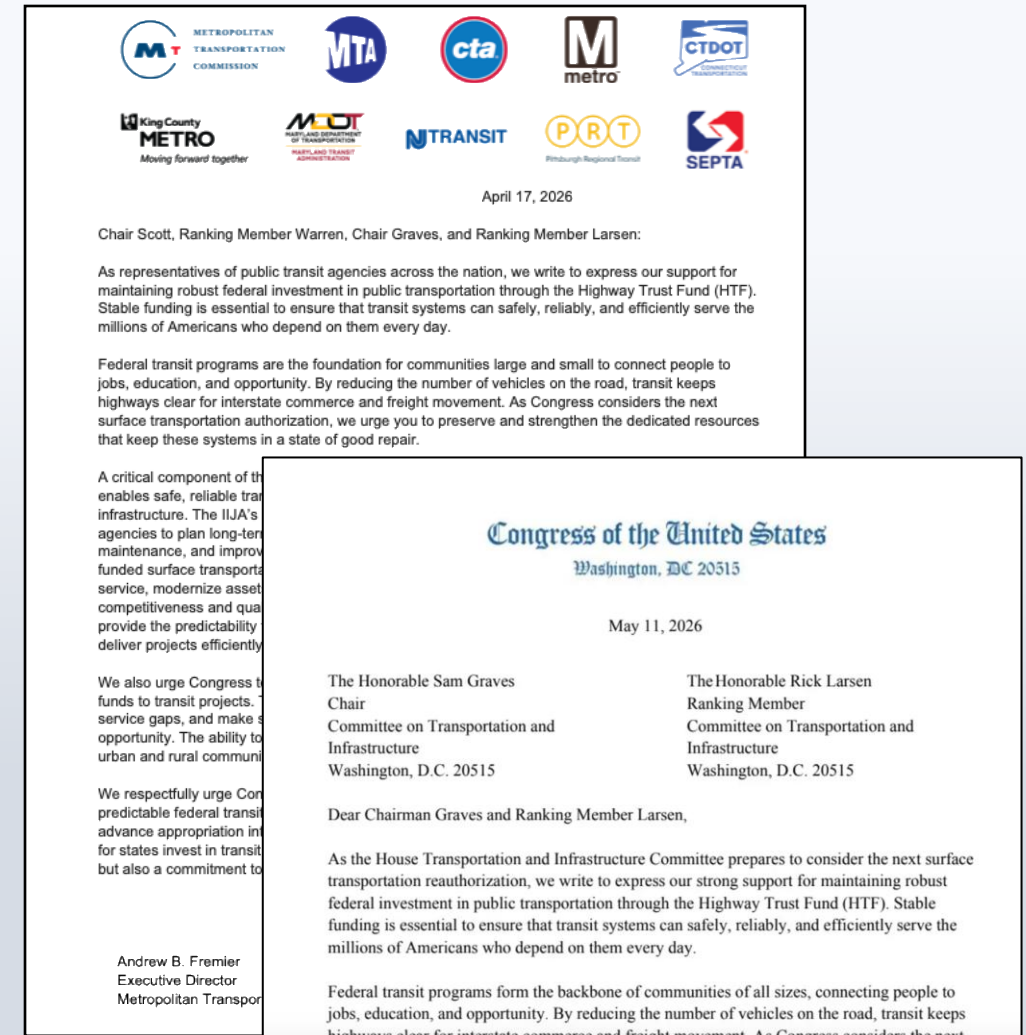
Federal Transit Programs

Bay Area Share of National Total

Program	Bay Area
Formula	
5337 — State of Good Repair	7.9%
5307 — Urbanized Area	4.5%
5339 — Bus Formula	2.4%
5310 — Seniors and Individuals With Disabilities	1.8%
5311 — Rural Area	0.3%
Competitive	
5337 — Railcar Replacement	0%
All Stations Accessibility	1.5%
Bus and Low-No Emission	2.4%
FTA Ferry	5.5%

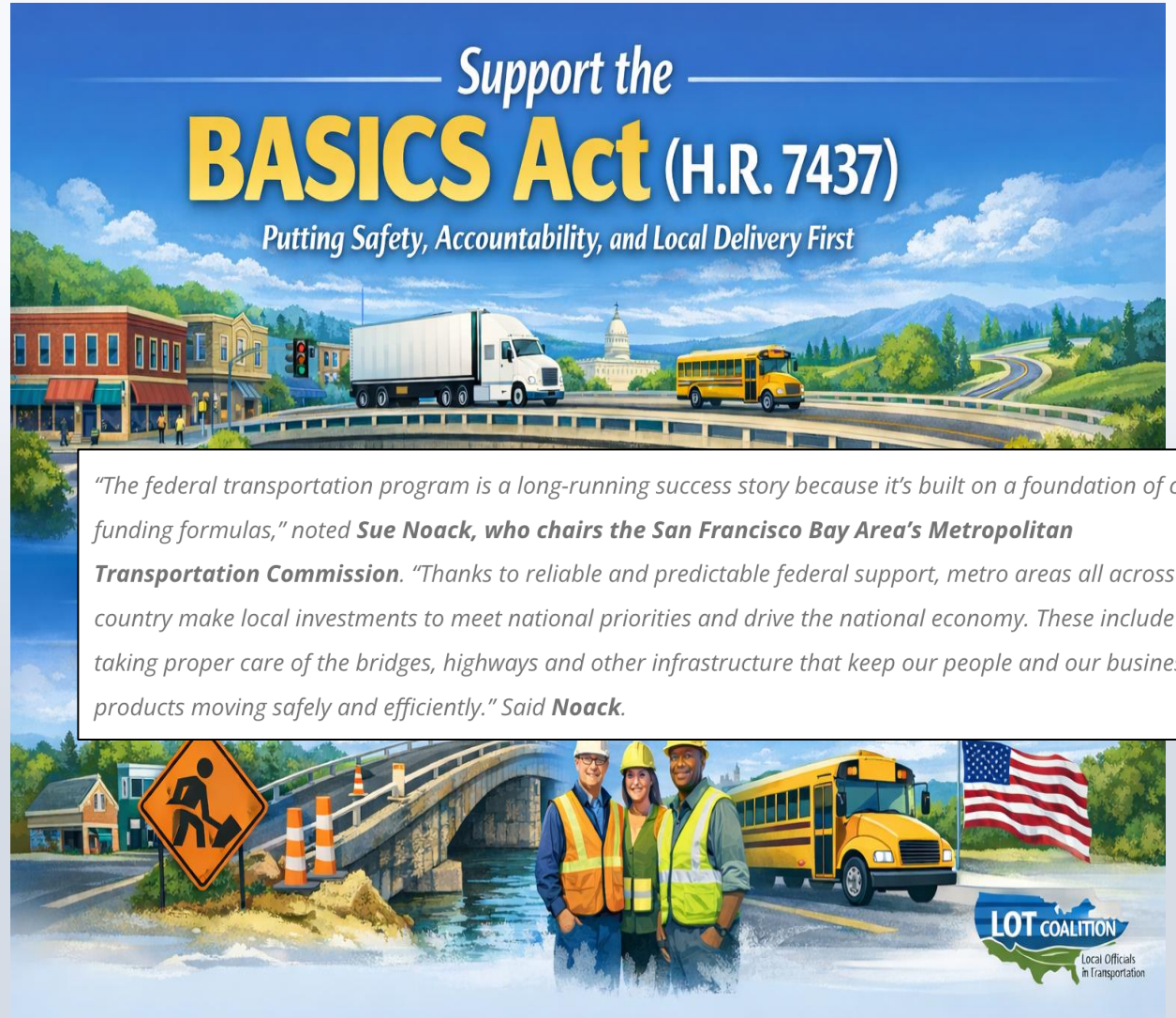
Transit Advocacy Update

- MTC is co-leading a coalition of transit partners in major metro areas to secure support for sustaining Section 5337 State of Good Repair funds
- Partners include transit leaders from:
 - New York, New Jersey, Chicago, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Maryland, Virginia, Seattle, and Connecticut
- MTC is also supporting the American Public Transportation Association's advocacy for public transit at large, including the Capital Investment Grant Program



Highway Advocacy Update

- MTC is supporting the Local Officials for Transportation (LOT) coalition's efforts to sustain and increase highway funding, including for programs that fund OBAG and other regional priorities
- MTC-recommended policy revisions:
 - Expedite project delivery by expanding “at-risk” project pre-agreement authority.
 - Remove federal barriers to the Bay Area’s Regional Advance Mitigation Program
 - Authorize six-year Transportation Improvement Program cycle



Support the

BASICS Act (H.R. 7437)

Putting Safety, Accountability, and Local Delivery First

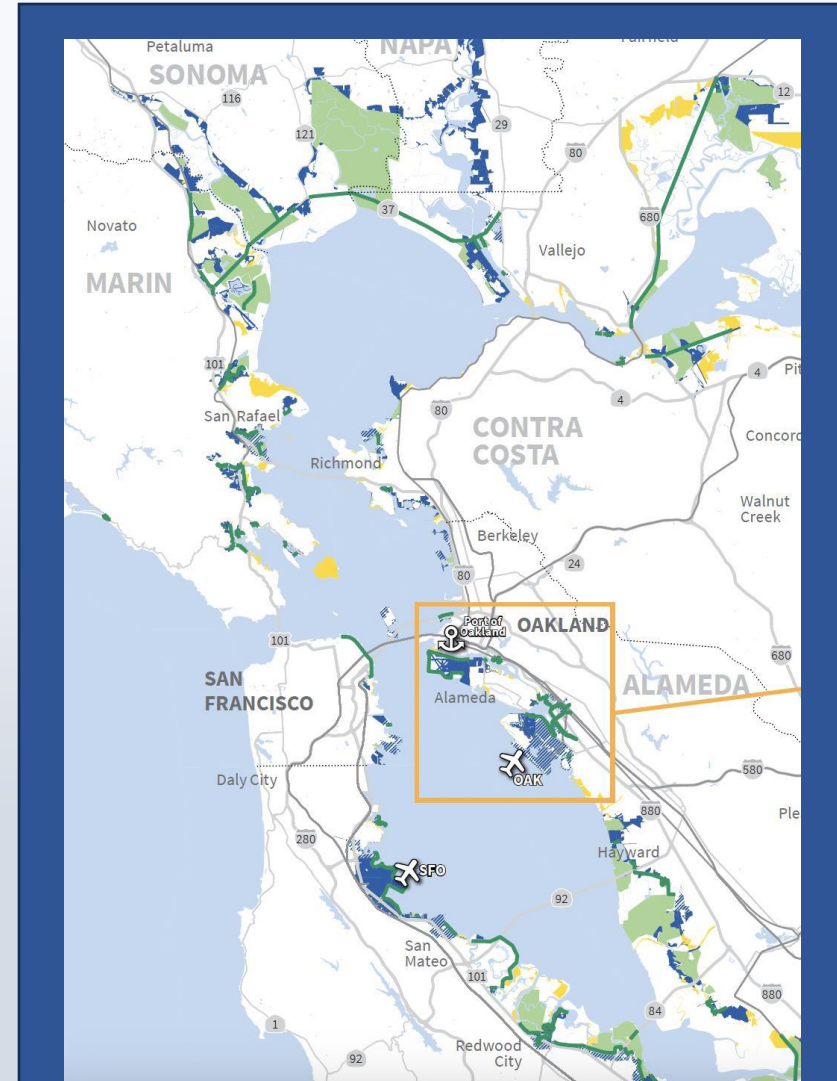
*“The federal transportation program is a long-running success story because it’s built on a foundation of core funding formulas,” noted **Sue Noack, who chairs the San Francisco Bay Area’s Metropolitan Transportation Commission.** “Thanks to reliable and predictable federal support, metro areas all across the country make local investments to meet national priorities and drive the national economy. These include taking proper care of the bridges, highways and other infrastructure that keep our people and our businesses’ products moving safely and efficiently.” Said **Noack.***

LOT COALITION
Local Officials
in Transportation



MTC's “Reach” Proposal – Climate Adaptation

- Plan Bay Area 2050+ estimates nearly \$100 billion is needed to adapt the Bay Area's transportation infrastructure & communities to sea level rise.
- MTC-ABAG and regional partners' strategy to adapt includes:
 - Adaptation planning and mapping projects
 - Nature-based approaches to deliver multi-benefit projects
 - Funding advocacy, including at the federal level



Source: MTC-ABAG 2021 Resilience Leave Behind



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The Accelerating Demonstration Approaches for Protecting Transportation Assets Act

Representatives John Garamendi and Mike Thompson introduced the ADAPT Assets Act (H.R. 8653). The bill:



Funds \$10 billion for up to 10 large (>\$500M) nationally or regionally significant transportation resilience demonstration projects.



Projects must involve delivery challenges or barriers that are not routinely addressed through existing surface transportation programs *and*, if resolved, could serve as a model for other projects.



Interagency coordination to break down federal silos:

- Dashboard with permit status of each project and the project's funding eligibility, by agency
- Working group to develop benefit-cost metrics



Source: Congressman Garamendi's office

Reauthorization Status Update

- The House Transportation Committee approved their reauthorization proposal earlier this year.
- The U.S. Senate has not yet released their bill.
- In August, Congress extended the IIJA's baseline transportation bill through December 11, 2026 to provide more time for negotiation.



Questions?



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