



End of Week Summary



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## Calendar

**June 1. 1:30pm.** Federal Affairs Committee by conference call (712-775-7031 passcode 623-949-741)

**June 12. 3:30pm.** State House Committee in-person at Filson/Gordon Offices (312 S. Fourth Street, Suite 200,

## End of Week Summary: May 26

### Federal Update

#### **Trump Administration Budget**

The Trump Administration's budget released this week proposes \$200 billion in direct federal spending, with additional funding from tolling and private investment. The administration proposes to fund FY 18 at FAST Act levels, but to cap future FAST Act spending at FY 18 levels, which is a \$2.4 billion cut over the remainder of the Act. Once the FAST Act expires, the administration proposes to cap infrastructure spending at the level of funding coming into the Highway Trust

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Fund, and idea that has been rejected by  
Congress in the past.

### **Senate Infrastructure Funding Plan**

Senate Environment and Public Works  
Committee Chair Senator Barrasso has  
begun work on his own infrastructure  
package, which he hopes to introduce  
this summer. Senator Barrasso is  
working with the administration and  
Senate Democrats to try to craft a  
bipartisan proposal. He also said that a  
priority will be to ensure that rural areas  
receive adequate funding. The Trump  
administration has said that they intend  
to fund rural infrastructure, but the types  
of financing tools they plan to rely on are  
not typically viable in rural areas. [More](#)

### **MPO Rule Repealed**

President Trump signed into law the  
legislation that would repeal an FHWA  
rule that would effectively require MPOs  
for large metro areas (like Chicago) to  
combine across state lines. [More](#)

### **FAA Reauthorization**

The Trump Administration proposed  
increasing the passenger security fee by  
\$1.00 to pay for increased airport  
security and proposed cutting funding for  
security programs for visible patrols, exit  
lane monitoring, and to assist state and  
local law enforcement to patrol airports.

There is resistance within Congress to cutting the programs, some of which were expanded in the last FAA bill, and the airlines are opposing the fee increase. [More](#)

The Trump Administration has also proposed privatizing air traffic controllers, which was a major sticking point during the last FAA reauthorization. Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle were opposed to the idea in the past.

### **Transit Projects Beginning to be Approved**

The Federal Transit Administration signed off on the California transit project that had been delayed because of disagreements within the California delegation and the Trump Administration's desire to require local governments to pay for at least some transit improvements. The DOT indicated that the other projects being held up are moving towards approval as well.

However, there are concerns that the Federal Transit Administration could fail to recommend any future projects for funding, which would prevent any new funding. Illinois' major transit project was funded before the Trump Administration took over. [More on Current Projects](#) [More on New Projects](#)

### **State Update**

The legislature is the final week of session. The Senate has passed a budget with no Republican votes, and discussions on the budget and revenue bills are ongoing in the House. At this point, the situation is still fluid.

The Co-Chair and TFIC staff are advocating with House and Senate leadership to eliminate the provisions in SB 42 (the budget implementation bill passed by the Senate) that reduce funding to transportation overall by using Road Fund dollars for transit expenditures that are traditionally General Revenue Fund-backed and by requiring Capital Projects Fund-backed debt service to be paid out of the Road Fund. The Co-Chairs and staff have also briefed the Governor's administration, legislative leaders, and legislative staff on the Bridge the Gap proposal. That proposal will require a supermajority because it involves bond authorization, but our hope is that the proposal could become part of a bipartisan deal if there is an agreement on the other budget issues.

### **News**

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