

LEGISLATIVE MONITORING UPDATE

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Metro Legislation – Virginia

Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact of 1966; Metro Reform Commission (HB1539)

- Establishes a dedicated funding source for Metro
- Mandates governance and reform statutes
- Feb 13 – Passed House

Commonwealth Transit Capital Bond Act of 2018 (SB856)

- Establishes a dedicated funding source for Metro
- Mandates governance and reform statutes
- Feb 13 – Passed Senate

Expected next step: a conference committee to be established to reconcile the two bills. Virginia session ends on March 10, 2018.



Metro Legislation – Maryland

Maryland Metro Funding Act (SB0277/HB0372)

- Establishes a dedicated funding source for Metro
- Feb 13 – House Appropriations Committee hearing
- Feb 14 – Senate Budget and Taxation Committee Hearing

Maryland Metro Board Member Act (SB0279/HB0370)

- Changes Maryland’s board appointees to be the Secretary of Transportation (or designee) and alternating appointment by Governor from Montgomery and Prince Georges counties
- Feb 7 – Senate Finance Committee hearing
- Feb 15 – House Environment & Transportation Committee hearing

*Maryland session ends on April 9, 2018.



Metro Legislation – District of Columbia

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Dedicated Funding Act of 2017 (B22-0568)

- Establishes a dedicated funding source for Metro by establishing a 0.75 percent sales tax
- Nov 7 – Bill Introduced
- Feb 7 – Committee on Finance and Revenue Public Hearing



Metro Legislation – Federal

Metro legislation proposed in the House by:

- Congressman Delaney (Feb 2017)
- Congressmen Brown and Raskin (Nov 2017)
- Congresswoman Comstock (Dec 2017)
- Congressman Connolly (Jan 2018)
 - Co-sponsors: Hoyer, Norton, Sarbanes, Beyer, Raskin, Brown

PRIIA funding



Rebuilding Infrastructure in America Proposal (Feb 12, 2018 Highlights)

Funding and Financing Infrastructure Improvements - \$200 billion
of federal funding

- Incentives Program - \$100 billion
- Rural Infrastructure Program - \$50 billion
- Transformative Projects Program - \$20 billion
- Infrastructure Financing Program - \$20 billion
- Additional Programming - \$10 billion

Infrastructure Permitting Improvements

Disposition of Federal Real Property

President Trump's Budget Proposal

Priority areas for COG to monitor during appropriations process:

- Transportation Trust Fund
- PRIIA Re-authorization and additional Metro funding
- Chesapeake Bay Funding
- Clean Rivers
- Washington Aqueduct



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