

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

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COG 2017 Legislative Priorities

- **Certainty and adequacy of transportation funding**
- **Water quality protection**
- **Climate and energy innovation and air quality protection**
- **Workforce development and human services**

2017 Advocacy

- Chesapeake Bay Program
- PRIIA Funding
- MPO Coordination Rule
- Slot and Perimeter Rule at DCA

Legislative Liaisons

- Legislative directors from each jurisdiction
- Meet on an ad-hoc basis when needed
- June 19th Meeting
 - FY18 Federal Budget Process
 - Priority Issues/Areas of Concern

Budget and Appropriations Process

- Beginning of February (but often later) – Budget request sent to Congress
- By April 15* – Budget resolution
- From mid/late February through late March/early April – Hearings held by House and Senate appropriations committees
- Late Spring through Summer (sometimes into Fall) – After hearings, the subcommittees draft appropriations bills and hold markups House/Senate to approve appropriations bills
- Fall – House/Senate conference on individually passed appropriations bills and approve conference reports
- October 1 – President signs appropriations bills

FY2018 Process – Where we are now

- Early April – June 15 – All FY 2018 appropriations requests due from Senate offices to subcommittees
- May 23 – Administration releases full budget proposal
- June – House and Senate budget hearings
- July 19 – House Appropriations Committee has approved all FY 2018 bills:
 - Agriculture and Rural Development bill
 - Commerce, Science, and Justice bill
 - Defense bill
 - Energy and Water bill
 - Financial Services bill
 - Legislative Branch bill
 - Military Construction and Veterans Affairs bill
 - Transportation, Housing and Urban Development bill
 - Interior and Environmental bill
 - Labor, Health and Human Services, Education bill
 - State and Foreign Operations bill



Priority Programs/Areas of Concern

- Homeland Security Grant Program (includes UASI)
- PRIIA Reauthorization
- Tax-exempt Municipal Bonds
- Infrastructure Funding
- Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)
- Housing
 - Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
 - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
 - HOME Investment Partnership Program
 - Housing Choice Voucher Program
- Chesapeake Bay Program
- FAA Reauthorization



Next Steps

- Continue to closely watch appropriations process
 - FY2018 Senate Appropriations Bills
 - FY2018 House-Senate Conference
- Continue outreach to our Congressional Delegation
- Continue communication with COG Legislative Liaisons



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