



Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization

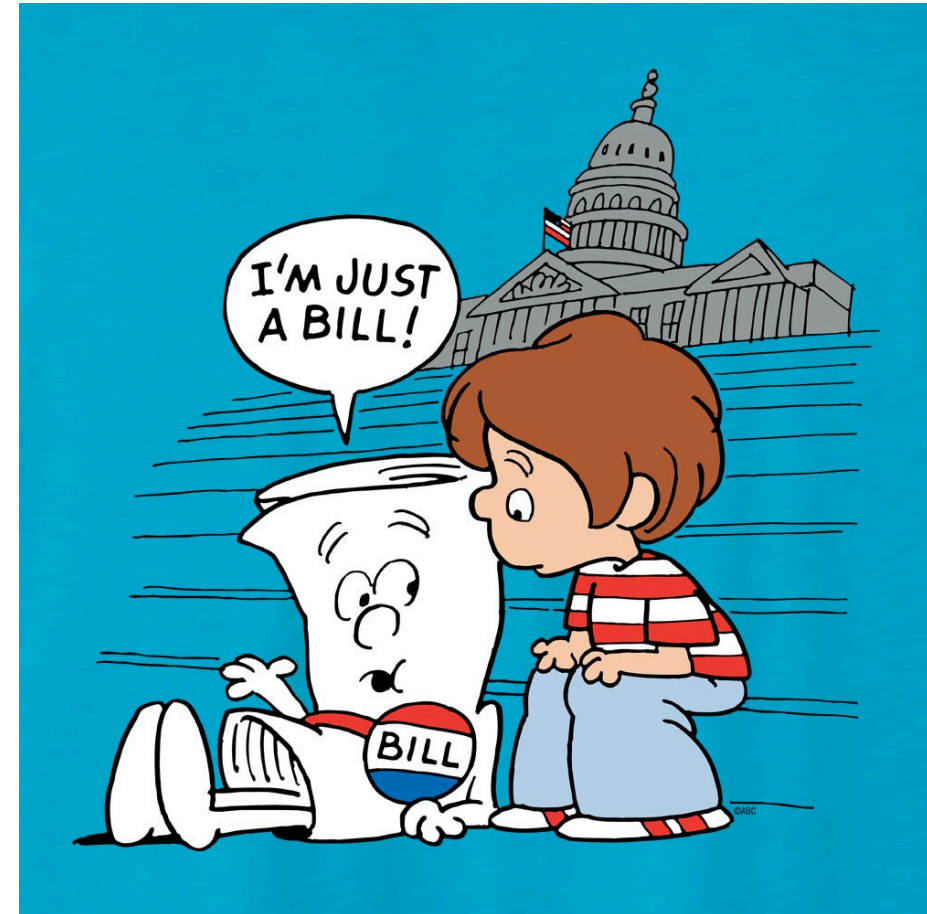
Background and MDOT Priorities



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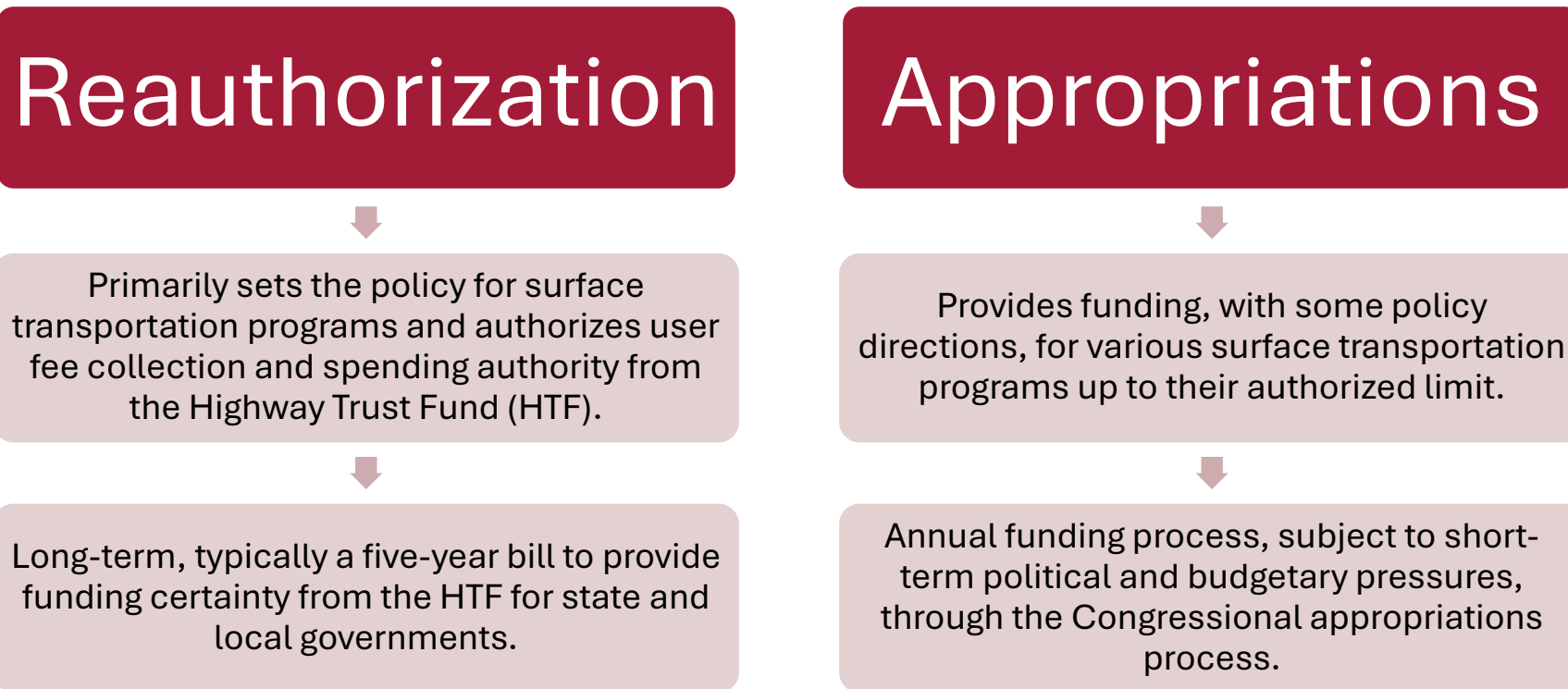
Overview

- Federal Surface Transportation Background
- Reauthorization Challenges
- MDOT Federal Reauthorization Priorities



Background

- There are two primary legislative processes that set the policy for and fund surface transportation activities at the federal level.



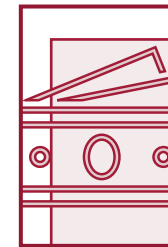
Background

- The federal government primarily provides capital funding to state and local governments.
- The most recent surface transportation authorization is the historic, \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).
- The IIJA expires on September 30, 2026.
- Congress has begun the legislative process for the next infrastructure bill.

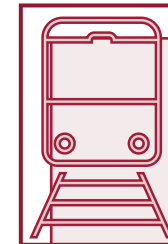
BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW



Contained both authorization and appropriations elements.



Historic; authorized approximately 3x as much funding as the FAST Act.



Created a plethora of new programs focused on safety, state of good repair, and sustainability.

Background

- Various Congressional committees play a role in the reauthorization process.
- Maryland is represented by:
 - **Senator Angela Alsobrooks** on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.
 - **Senator Chris Van Hollen** on the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee.
 - **Representatives Andy Harris** (MD-1) and **Glenn Ivey** (MD-4) serve on the House Appropriations Committee.



Environment and Public Works

- Oversees highways and waterways

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

- Oversees aviation, maritime, rail, and safety

Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs

- Oversees transit

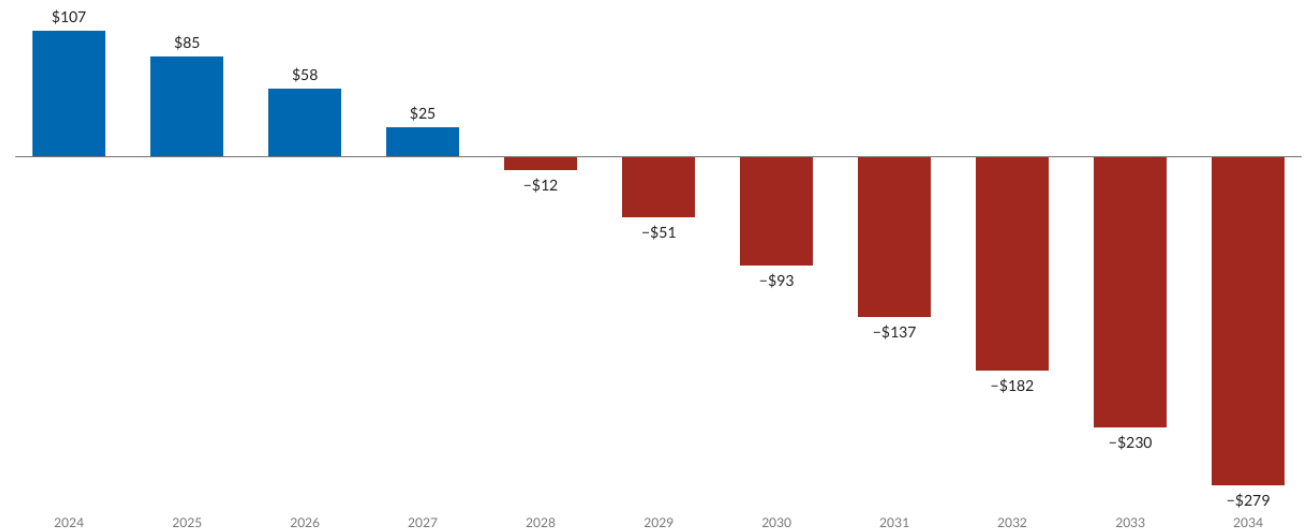


Reauthorization Challenges

1. Highway Trust Fund Solvency
2. The Future of the User Fee Model
3. Inflation, Supply Chain, and Tariffs ... Oh My!
4. Was IIJA a Ceiling or a Floor?
5. Short-term Extensions
6. Stakeholder Alignment

From 2024 to 2034, the Highway Trust Fund is projected to accumulate a funding shortfall of around \$280 billion

Highway Trust Fund Cumulative Surpluses(+)/Deficits(-) (Billions of \$)



Source: Congressional Budget Office

MDOT Federal Surface Transportation Priorities

- The process is already underway on Capitol Hill.
 - House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee collection of stakeholder policy proposals
 - Member Day hearings
 - Recent Senate and House IIJA implementation hearings
- In support of Governor Wes Moore's engagement and leadership with the National Governor's Association, we have prepared priorities to support Maryland's diverse and multi-modal surface transportation needs.

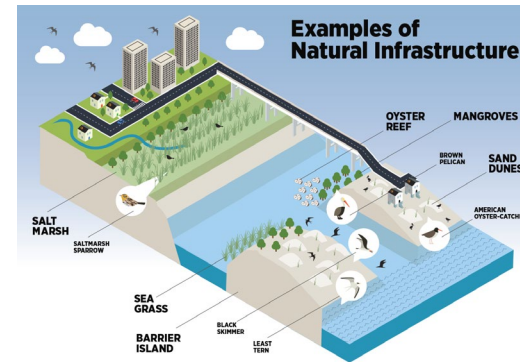


MDOT Federal Surface Transportation Priorities

- At a high-level, MDOT has provided priorities for:
 - Freight and Supply Chain
 - Innovative Finance
 - Predictable and Sustainable Funding
 - Strengthening Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability
 - Safety
 - Streamlining
 - Transit Funding and Flexibility



TIFIA Credit Program



Transit-Specific Programmatic Requests



Expanding eligibility for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Capital Investment Grant (CIG) Core Capacity Program to support modernization of legacy assets.



Equal treatment of all passenger rail services before the Surface Transportation Board.



Allowing transit agencies that meet or exceed FTA state of good repair standards to flex a portion of certain FTA formula funds to operations.



Thank you! Questions?

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