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AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION



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U.S. Senate Ready to Debate Bipartisan Surface Transportation Authorization Bill

Late last week the U.S. Senate, by a vote of 85 to 11, agreed to a motion to begin consideration of S.1813, "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act" (MAP-21) – the Senate's surface transportation authorization bill. As the Senate moves one step closer to passing this long-awaited legislation, APTA applauds the bipartisan consensus, especially with regard to the Senate Banking Committee's public transportation title.

The Senate's legislation maintains dedicated financing for public transportation initiatives at Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 levels for the length of the bill. With the current extension of federal surface transportation programs set to expire, APTA asks that you contact your Senators and urge them to move forward with the bill and avoid delays caused by issues unrelated to transportation.

ACTION ALERT – U.S. SENATE

- APTA urges members to call their Senators and thank them for the bipartisan effort to enact a multi-year surface transportation authorization bill;
- Urge Senators to do everything possible to advance the bill and avoid delays caused by issues unrelated to the surface transportation legislation

U.S. House of Representatives Preparing for Floor Consideration; U.S. House Rules Committee to Meet Tuesday and Wednesday

The U.S. House of Representatives is expected to begin consideration of H.R. 7, the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012 this week. The first step toward consideration of the bill, is the deliberation of the House Rules Committee over the terms of the House debate, including which amendments will be considered on the House floor. The House Rules Committee began meeting this evening, to discuss portions of the bill related to energy and federal pension provisions. The Committee plans to meet again on Wednesday, February 15 to continue its consideration of amendments to the transportation and revenue (Ways and Means) sections of the bill. APTA needs you to urge your Members of Congress to support the opportunity for the *Nadler-LaTourette-Blumenauer-Gibson-Crowley-Turner-Rangel-Grimm-Lewis-Fitzpatrick-Norton-Hayworth-Lipinski-Dold* amendment to receive a vote on the House floor. APTA also asks that you urge your Members of Congress to support the amendment when it is considered.

ACTION ALERT – U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- APTA urges members to call your Representatives in the House and ask them to urge the House Rules Committee to allow a vote on the bipartisan Nadler-LaTourette-Blumenauer-Gibson amendment;
- Urge your Representatives to vote for this amendment when it is considered.

For questions on these issues, please contact Brian Tynan of APTA's Government Affairs Department at (202) 496-4897, or btynan@apta.com.

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