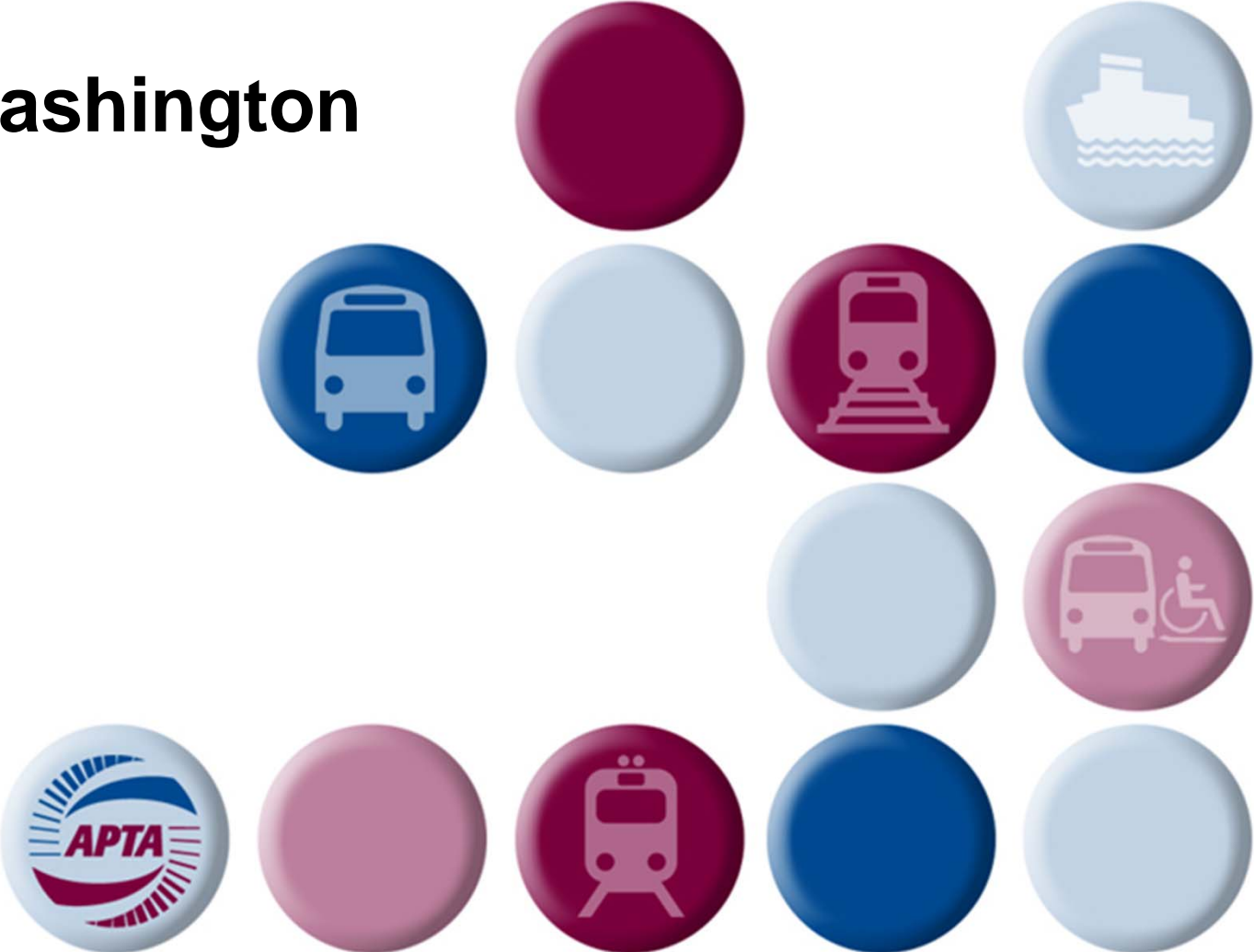


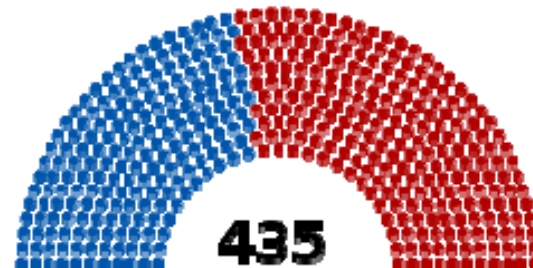
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2016 Election Overview

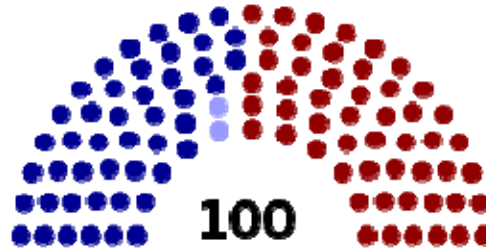
U.S. House of Representatives



- Republican retain 240-193 majority having lost net 6 seats
- Republican and Democratic leadership teams remain in place (Ryan/Pelosi).



United States Senate



- Republicans retain 52-48 majority
 - 2 Independents caucus with the Democrats
- Republicans lost only two seats
 - Senators Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) and Mark Kirk (R-IL)
- Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) new Democratic Leader
- Still requires 60-vote majority to pass most legislation.
 - “Budget Reconciliation” could be used to pass Obamacare repeal and comprehensive tax reform with 50-vote majority.

Key Committee Leadership

U.S. House of Representatives

| | | 114 th Congress | 115 th Congress |
|--|----------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Transportation & Infrastructure | Chairman | Shuster (PA-9) | Shuster (PA-9) |
| | Ranking | DeFazio (OR-4) | DeFazio (OR-4) |
| Ways & Means | Chairman | Brady (TX-8) | Brady (TX-8) |
| | Ranking | Levin (MI-9) | Neal (MA-1) |
| Appropriations | Chairman | Rogers (KY-5) | Frelinghuysen (NJ-11) |
| | Ranking | Lowey (NY-17) | Lowey (NY-17) |

Key Committee Leadership

United States Senate

| | 114 th Congress | | 115 th Congress | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Banking | Chairman | Shelby (<i>R-AL</i>) | Chairman | <i>Crapo (R-ID)</i> |
| | Ranking | Brown (<i>D-OH</i>) | Ranking | Brown (<i>D-OH</i>) |
| Environment & Public Works | Chairman | Inhofe (<i>R-OK</i>) | Chairman | <i>Barrasso (R-WY)</i> |
| | Ranking | Boxer (<i>D-CA</i>) | Ranking | <i>Carper (D-DE)</i> |
| Finance | Chairman | Hatch (<i>R-UT</i>) | Chairman | Hatch (<i>R-UT</i>) |
| | Ranking | Wyden (<i>D-OR</i>) | Ranking | Wyden (<i>D-OR</i>) |
| Appropriations | Chairman | Cochran (<i>R-MS</i>) | Chairman | <i>Cochran (R-MS)</i> |
| | Ranking | Mikulski (<i>D-MD</i>) | Ranking | <i>Leahy (D-VT)</i> |
| Commerce | Chairman | Thune (<i>R-SD</i>) | Chairman | Thune (<i>R-SD</i>) |
| | Ranking | Nelson (<i>D-FL</i>) | Ranking | Nelson (<i>D-FL</i>) |



State and Local Ballot Initiatives

- **Nov. 8, 2016: 34 of 48 local and statewide ballot initiatives (69%) passed (nearly \$200 billion)**
- 2016: 77 total transit measures appeared on ballots, the highest number on record, with 71% success rate.
- Since 2000, the average success rate of transit measures is 71%.



National Polling

- 81% of Donald Trump voters oppose any cuts to current levels of public transportation investment;
- 69% of all voters support the use of their tax dollars for public transportation. This includes a majority (53%) of Trump voters.
- More than 69% of Americans believe our public transportation infrastructure is in “crisis,” including 63% of Trump voters.





Legislative Update

115th Congress

Opportunities

- Infrastructure Initiative
- Tax Reform
- HTF Fix
- Budget/Appropriations

Challenges

- Pay-fors
- Bill fatigue (*Fast Act*)
- Devolution
- GOP Consensus
- Budget/Appropriations



115th Congress

• Timeline

- Winter/Spring 2017:
 - Obamacare Repeal
 - Confirmation Hearings (Senate)
 - Cabinet/Political Appointees
 - SCOTUS
- Spring 2017:
 - The Wall
 - Budgets
- Spring/Summer 2017:
 - Comprehensive Tax Reform
- Fall 2017 - 2018
 - Infrastructure Initiative and....?



Legislative Update

• Appropriations

- Currently operating under Continuing Resolution (CR) through April 28, 2017 at FY16 levels
 - Provides FTA with the ability to make partial-year formula apportionments but not Capital Investment Grants or other discretionary programs.
- APTA will continue to advocate for a subsequent full-year FY17 appropriations bill at FAST Act levels.
 - Importantly, the \$199 million authorized in the FAST Act for PTC implementation is unlikely to be made available under CRs.



Legislative Update

• Tax Reform

“Lower rates, broader base, upset lobbyists.” – Speaker Ryan

- Draft expected in February that lowers corporate and individual tax rates by eliminating most credits and deductions.
 - Alternative Fuels Tax Credits, Commute Benefit, and tax exempt status of Municipal Bonds are at risk.
- Opportunity to address long-term solvency of Highway Trust Fund.
- “Repatriation” or other revenues from tax reform could be reserved to fund an infrastructure initiative.



Legislative Update

• Infrastructure Initiative

- President Trump has advocated for investing up to \$1 Trillion in infrastructure.
- Draft proposals and concepts have included direct funding, tax credit financing and regulatory reform.
- Senate Democrat released “Blueprint” to invest \$1 Trillion
 - \$280 Billion for Transit and Intercity Passenger Rail
- Discussions between Congress and the White House will continue with more detail on Congressional Republican plan expected in April budget.
 - Expect rumors and trial balloons
- Keep the conversation going and hold elected officials accountable for campaign promises.



APTA Recommendations

- Direct federal funding is key
- Address \$90 billion SOGR backlog
- Embrace opportunities for innovative financing
- Utilize existing programs
- Address state of good repair needs, new capacity/expansion, & intercity passenger rail
- Next steps:
 - Principles on innovative financing
 - Proposals for regulatory reform



APTA's Message to Lawmakers

- President Trump has talked about a major infrastructure initiative. There has been some talk about financing, but communities need federal funding to maintain and improve public transportation and roads that are deteriorating.
- While the passage of the FAST Act in 2015 was great progress, we still have an \$90 billion backlog in what is needed to bring public transportation facilities into a state of good repair.
- We need Congress and the administration to pass a bipartisan bill that improves and expands these critical assets.



Ways to Get Involved:

- National Alliance of Public Transportation Advocates (NAPTA)
- Local Transit Coalition Grants
- State Affairs Committee
- Voices for Public Transportation
- Advocacy Toolkit
 - Messaging/Talking Points
 - Industry Footprint
 - Legislative Resources
- APTA Legislative Conference March 12-14



Industry Action Plan

- Recognize we are in an unpredictable & confusing transition
- Play offense on opportunities and defense on anti-transit proposals
- Work with both the Administration & Congress
- Be prepared for all possibilities
- APTA members should meet with Members of Congress in district
- Schedule meetings during Legislative Conference
- Use APTA toolkits for visits



Closing Thoughts

- Crowded Agenda
- New way of doing business
- Trial Balloons and “Alternative Facts”
- Congress as a check

