

The Trump Administration & the New Congress

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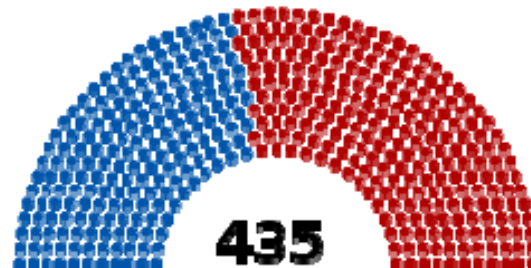
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2016 Election Overview

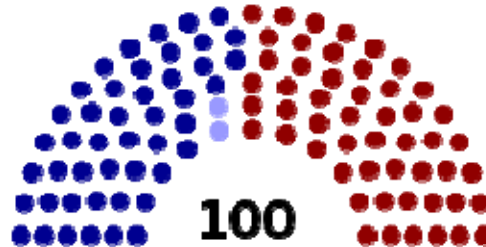
U.S. House of Representatives



- Republican retain 241-194 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
- Majority Leader Senator McConnell & Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) new Democratic Leader
- 60 vote majority still needed to pass most legislation
 - “Budget Reconciliation” could be used to pass Obamacare repeal and comprehensive tax reform with 50-vote majority.

Key House Committees



- Transportation & Infrastructure -- Authorizes transit, rail, highways, aviation & port programs (FAST Act, FTA, FRA)
- Appropriations (THUD/DHS Subcommittees) -- Annual appropriations for DOT/DHS
- Ways & Means Committee – Tax legislation, including taxes for HTF, alt fuels credit, commuter benefit

Key Senate Committees

- Senate Banking -- Authorizes transit programs (FTA)
- Environment & Public Works – Authorizes highway program
- Commerce Committee – Authorizes & regulates railroad programs (FRA), including commuter rail, intercity passenger rail & freight rail
- Appropriations (THUD/DHS) – Annual appropriations for DOT/DHS
- Finance Committee – Tax policy (Ways & Means counterpart)



How Do I Get My Money

- Authorization bill – Program structure, allocation of resources, eligible expenditures
- Appropriations bill – Authority to spend from trust fund & general funds
- Apportionments & Allocations – Trust Funds & general funds
- Tax Legislation – Supports Trust Fund & Tax Breaks



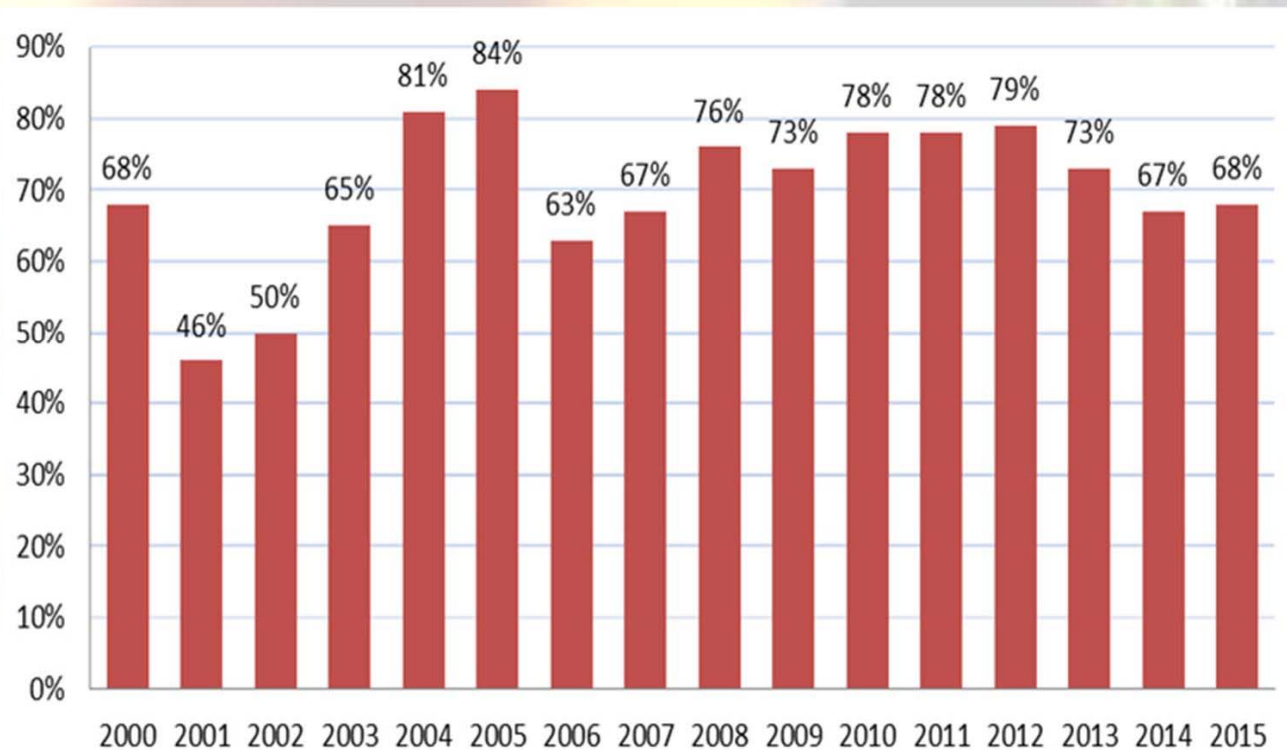
State and Local Ballot Initiatives

- **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%.



State and Local Ballot Initiatives

2000 – 2015 Win Rate: 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

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• 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.



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• Tax Reform

- Draft House bill expected to lower corporate and individual tax rates by eliminating most credits and deductions.
 - Alternative Fuels Tax Credits and Commute Benefit at risk.
- Separate Senate bill to come later.
- 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.



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• Infrastructure Initiative

- President Trump has talked about investing up to \$1 trillion in infrastructure.
- Draft proposals and concepts have included direct funding, tax credit financing and regulatory reform.
- Discussions between Congress and the White House will continue throughout the first 100 days with concrete proposals unlikely to emerge before late spring or summer.
- It is important to keep the conversation going on the need for infrastructure investment and hold elected officials accountable for their campaign promises.
- Still rumors about elimination of FTA



Current State/Local Activities



- Industry Footprint
- National Alliance of Public Transportation Advocates (NAPTA)
- Local Transit Coalition Grants
- State Affairs Committee
- State Association Participation & Local Events
- External Validation with Reports & Testimony
- Voices for Public Transportation
- Response to Critics
- Advertising Templates
- Toolkits for Activities/Events

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



Advocacy Toolkit

- General Messaging Guidance/talking points
- Congressional Lookup & Social Media List
- Social Media content to welcome New Congress
- Intro to the Public Transit Industry
- Invite Members of Congress to business/system
- APTA Infrastructure Recommendations
- FAST Act Guidebook
- Industry Footprint
- Dick White Newsweek Op-Ed
- PT at Critical Crossroads Article

115th Congress

Opportunities

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

Challenges

- Pay-fors
- Bill fatigue (*Fast Act*)
- Devolution
- GOP Consensus
- 2018 Midterms
- Budget/Appropriations



Principles for Infrastructure Initiative

- President Trump Infrastructure Investment
- Benefits of Increased Federal Investment
- Address \$90 billion SOGR backlog
- Funding needed – Finance helpful
- Use & Build on FAST Act Programs
- Provide Sustainable Funding Fix
- Consider new competitive grants
- Other programs





- Questions, Comments, Discussion