

114th Congress Scorecard – Vote Descriptions

Senate

1. **DRIVE Act (H.R. 22, as amended) – key procedural motion.** The Senate surface transportation bill authorizes \$275 billion for highways and \$75 billion for transit programs for six years, a 12 percent increase in average annual funding over current levels. The bill also authorizes \$8.9 billion over four years from the General Fund for passenger rail programs. A procedural vote was necessary to cut off a filibuster and advance the bill in the Senate. ACEC supported the motion. ([Record vote #251](#); approved 62-36).
2. **DRIVE Act (H.R. 22, as amended) – final passage.** In addition to the above funding authorizations, the bill transfers \$45 billion to the Highway Trust Fund to supplement existing gas and diesel taxes and other transportation revenues through Fiscal Year 2018. It also features additional project delivery streamlining reforms, as well as funding for multi-state pilot projects to study alternative financing mechanisms such as vehicle-miles-traveled fees. ACEC supported final passage. ([Record vote #260](#); approved 65-34).
3. **Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act (S. 1) –** Authorizes TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, L.P. to construct, connect, operate, and maintain the pipeline and cross-border facilities specified in an application filed by TransCanada Corporation to the Department of State on May 4, 2012. Deems the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement regarding the pipeline issued by the Secretary of State in January 2014 to fully satisfy the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and any law that requires federal agency consultation or review, including the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Also included provisions to promote energy efficiency in public and private buildings. ACEC supported passage. ([Record vote #49](#); approved 62 to 36.)
4. **Ex-Im Reauthorization (S. Amdt. 2327 to H.R. 22) –** amendment offered by Senator Mark Kirk (R-IL) to the Senate transportation bill to reauthorize and reform the Export-Import Bank of the United States. ACEC strongly supports the amendment. ([Record vote #256](#); Approved 64-29.)
5. **FAST Act (H.R. 22) –** The final conference report reauthorizing federal surface transportation programs for five years. The FAST Act authorizes a total of \$305 billion through Fiscal Year 2020, including \$225 billion for highways, \$61 billion for transit, and \$10 billion for passenger rail programs. The bill retains the amendment approved by the House encouraging State DOTs to utilize private sector engineering and design services for enhanced project delivery. It also features several project delivery streamlining reforms, as well as funding for state pilot programs to study mileage-based user fees and other alternative revenue mechanisms. ACEC supported passage. ([Record vote #331](#); passed 83-16).

6. **Omnibus Appropriations/Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act (HR 2029)** – The legislation funds federal agencies through the 2016 fiscal year, and makes permanent the R&D tax credit, higher Section 179 expensing levels, parity for transit benefits; extends bonus depreciation and renewable energy tax credits for five years; and extends other provisions for two years. ACEC supports passage ([Record Vote #339](#) passed the Senate 65 to 33).