

FAST Act is the current authorizing legislation for federal surface transportation programs and expires September 30, 2020. Below is a summary of how ITE believes federal policy governing transportation planning and sustainability should be structured in the next transportation authorization.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Transportation agencies must plan in a universe to deal with the **short-term and long-term impacts of COVID-19, along with rapidly changing technology, mobility options, and environmental concerns.**
- The importance of supporting **sustainable communities** is urgent.

NEW POLICY INITIATIVES OR MODIFICATIONS RECOMMENDATIONS	
	Simplify timing of federally required performance target submissions across safety, infrastructure, system performance, and transit performance measures
	Provide a response to emerging transport technology and services by requiring a short range, strategic Future Mobility Plan . Includes investigating the impacts such as congestion, use of curb and sidewalk space, accessibility, equity, land use, and economy
	Continue Smart Community planning, assisting governments to leverage new technologies for improving mobility and access, including policies on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on the people-moving role of transportation facilities across multiple modes to provide more choice, improve air quality, and reduce congestion • Develop a data standard for bikes, e-scooters, rideshare, urban air mobility (UAM) and other emerging modes • Provide Federal funds to support management of new mobility services
	Implement climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further research relationship between transportation and climate change • Extend tax credit on Electric Vehicle purchase, consider removing the OEM cap on vehicles sold, support construction of charging stations on NHS, and support for research on battery improvements • Eligibility for emergency relief funding for proactive resilience investments to reduce need for large reactive (post-disaster) investments
	Ensure state and MPO plans address equity to emerging transport technology and services

RETAIN THESE FAST ACT POLICIES

- MPO designation thresholds and coordinating between adjacent and embedded urbanized areas
- The 10 Planning Factors, including a proactive approach to resilience to “improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation”
- The goals, measures, and processes of performance-based planning and programming, with a focus on the National Highway System (NHS)
- Asset management plans for the NHS and transit rolling stock, infrastructure, and facilities
- Programs and processes devoted to multimodal freight planning and investment

The Advocacy Committee is your resource for educational materials, the importance of the reauthorization process, key talking points, and identifying local Advocacy Committee members to connect with. This page is a summary of ITE’s White Paper on Planning and Sustainability hosted in addition to periodic updates and additional materials at <https://ite.org/membership/advocacy-committee/>

WHAT ITE MEMBERS CAN DO:

The outcomes of the FAST Act Reauthorization process have the potential to greatly impact our country’s ability to meet the transportation needs of our states, cities, and local communities. ITE members need to rally together to support thoughtful, federal Reauthorization approaches so we can collectively shape the future of transportation. It is critically important that ITE members take an active role in the Reauthorization process. We are proud of the great work that ITE members are doing and want to make sure that we are able to continue doing this important work with the right federal support system.

We are ITE. We help to shape the future of transportation.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT

- Safe & resilient mobility infrastructure requires a predictable, dependable, and adequate source of funding.
- The FAST Act supplemented Highway Trust Fund revenue with general funds. If not renewed, funding levels would substantially drop to what the Highway Trust Fund alone could sustain.
- This is the opportunity to advocate for new approaches to transportation policy and funding

GET ENGAGED	
	<p>Educate Yourself:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read the ITE Reauthorization Principles, white papers, and one-pagers • Read the FHWA’s Resources on the FAST Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/ • https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/legislation.cfm • Track the news around this topic
	<p>Talk to your colleagues, family, and friends about why dependable transportation funding matters</p>
	<p>Share a personal testimonial on #FASTAct</p>
	<p>Build an “Advocacy Minute” into the beginning of your meetings (your team/organizations and ITE working groups):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk with your local ITE District/Section/Chapter about holding discussions/workshops/events/ luncheons/dinners around these issues (or volunteer to help them organize this) • Educate key decision makers in your region to the importance of dependable transportation funding • Identify your federal Senate and House representatives and the schedule for their home visits • Encourage your local ITE D/S/C leadership to hold educational dinners with representatives (or volunteer to help them organize this)