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 Systems Management & Operations (TSMO) should be structured in the next transportation authorization.

CONSIDERATIONS

- TSMO is a growing field focusing on the management of transportation assets and processes with the **mindset of maximizing performance of the existing transportation system**.
- Per the FHWA, TSMO is a set of strategies that focus on operational improvements that can maintain and even improve the performance of the existing transportation system before additional capacity is needed.
- TSMO emphasizes **collaboration and effective use of technology**.

NEW POLICY INITIATIVES OR MODIFICATIONS RECOMMENDATIONS	
	A total TSMO approach to plan and implement the best combination of capital and operational improvements to improve safety, alleviate congestion, improve reliability, enhance economic vitality, and reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas/carbon emissions.
	A total TSMO approach that breaks down the barriers between project types and modes, and between capital construction and operations/maintenance improvements.
	A program that facilitates collaboration between state, regional, urban, and rural investments.
	Federal leadership to help pursue new priorities needed to address change and innovation in the transportation landscape. These new priorities should include transformational technologies, smart communities, emerging business models, equity, health, and climate change impacts.
	Restoring funding for the Freight Cooperative Research Program to keep goods movement part of the mobility conversation.
	Appropriating additional money to fund a **permanent transportation operations discipline and program at USDOT.**

RETAIN THESE FAST ACT POLICIES

- Continued funding for the National Operations Center of Excellence (NOCoE).
- Continued funding for ITS research, including connected vehicle technology, traffic management center operations, traffic incident management, traffic signal system management, public transit management, and advanced traveler information systems.

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 Transportation Systems Management & Operations 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

Educate Yourself:
• Read the **ITE Reauthorization Principles,** white papers, and one-pagers
• Read the FHWA's Resources on the FAST Act
    • **https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/**
    • **https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/legislation.cfm**
• Track the news around this topic

Talk to your colleagues, family, and friends about why dependable transportation funding matters
Share a personal testimonial on **#FASTAct**
Build an "Advocacy Minute" into the beginning of your meetings (your team/organizations and ITE working groups): • 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)