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The new chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Congressman Bill Shuster (R-PA) has authored an [opinion article](#) that outlines his policy goals for the 113th Congress. The opinion article, which appeared yesterday in Congressional Quarterly, focuses on his belief that transportation is a core responsibility of the federal government and that he intends to address the ongoing shortfall facing the Highway Trust Fund. Chairman Shuster has visited our agency a number of times over the past several years. The Chairman has received briefings on the highway and transit projects in our Board-approved Long Range Transportation Plan and has had the opportunity to see many of the projects that are currently under construction. He has been a supporter of our ultimately successful effort, as part of the America Fast Forward initiative, to dramatically expand the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program during the 112th Congress. In the coming days, months and years ahead, we look forward to effectively advancing our Board-approved federal legislative program with the Chairman and his colleagues on the committee.

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Today, 15 year old Nicholas Garza got the opportunity to visit with Metro staff and tour Division 18. Nicholas sent me an email expressing his interest in buses and their operation. His initial requests for photographs of Metro buses and pieces Metro memorabilia, turned into an opportunity to have a tour of our facility. For a slideshow of Nicholas, a future Metro Bus Operator, on his tour of Metro's Division 18 center please click [here](#).

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