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| **House Adopts Six Month Spending Bill That Disregards MAP-21 Transportation Funding Levels**  Earlier today, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted legislation (H.R. 933) that will continue to fund the federal government through September 30, 2013, which is the end of Federal Fiscal Year 2013. The legislation was needed to avert a shutdown of the federal government because last year Congress only adopted a stop-gap funding bill, which expires on March 27, 2013. In a [letter](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/130306_Letter_to_Speaker_Boehner.pdf) sent to Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) earlier this week, U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and her colleagues Senators Tim Johnson (D-SD) and John D. Rockefeller (D-WV) criticized the continuing resolution adopted today because it “…disregards the funding levels negotiated during the 112th Congress in the surface transportation bill.”  In addition to cutting highway safety programs, the legislation adopted today would likely lead to across the board cuts for a variety of federal transportation programs. As of today, it is unclear how the U.S. Senate will react to House passage of H.R. 933. Our agency will continue to support Congressional efforts to honor the transportation funding levels authorized in MAP-21, the surface transportation bill signed into law by President Obama last year.  <http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/130306_Letter_to_Speaker_Boehner.pdf> |
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