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| **U.S. Senate Committee On Appropriations Announces Funding Level For Fiscal Year 2014 Transportation Spending Bill**  This morning, the U.S. Senate’s Committee on Appropriations announced their [funding levels](http://www.appropriations.senate.gov/news.cfm?method=news.view&id=3c0a35fa-18fd-4c7d-abc3-44f5028073e9), formally known as the 302B allocation, for the committee’s 12 subcommittees. The action is significant for our agency because the U.S. Senate included an allocation of $54 billion for its Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee. The $54 billion allocated by the Senate stands in stark contrast to the $44 billion allocated yesterday to the House Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee. The House bill sought to eliminate funding for the popular TIGER discretionary grant program, reduce funding for the FTA’s New Starts program and eliminated funding for California’s High Speed Rail Authority, among other cuts to transportation accounts. The additional funding allocated today to the U.S. Senate’s Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee improves the prospects that the final transportation spending bill will include funding for projects and programs identified in our agency’s Board-approved federal legislative program. Our staff will be working with U.S. Senators Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and other key Senate offices to ensure that our Board-approved legislative priorities are fully addressed and funded in the Senate’s Fiscal Year 2014 transportation spending bill when it is considered later this year.  <http://www.appropriations.senate.gov/news.cfm?method=news.view&id=3c0a35fa-18fd-4c7d-abc3-44f5028073e9> |
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