POLICY RUNDOWN

For Advocacy and Innovation Trust Members

The December 13th issue of Policy Rundown will be the last scheduled issue of 2017.
We will run a special edition before the New Year if AV legislation moves forward.
Happy holidays from the Legislative Affairs and Policy Team at ITS America!

Federal Administration Policy and Regulatory News

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) requests comments on latest Cybersecurity Framework and Internet-of-Things (IOT)

Public comments for the latest draft of Cybersecurity Framework version 1.1 and the draft Roadmap are due to that National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) by Friday, January 19, 2018. NIST anticipates finalizing Cybersecurity Framework version 1.1 in Spring 2018. The framework looks at how the framework would apply to IOT devices.

Spotlight: Aging Populations

Joseph Coughlin, Founder and Director, MIT AgeLab will be featured in a USDOT webinar Wednesday December 13 at 12p. The presentation, “Transportation in a World that is Gray, Delayed, Small & Female;” is part of Volpe’s The Ongoing Transformation of the Global Transportation System webinar series.
 ITS America Board Strengthens Association’s Legislative Priorities Ahead of 2018

Ahead of what is expected to be an infrastructure heavy year for the Congress in 2018, ITS America’s Board of Directors approved major policy on December 8, 2017, for automated trucks, an infrastructure bill, and smart cities legislation. The details of ITS America’s new policy will be in the association’s upcoming “The Road Ahead: Next Generation of Mobility 2018.” In the meantime, here is summary:

**Automated Trucks**

- Support the inclusion of trucks in automated vehicle legislation.

**Infrastructure Bill**

- Support increase formula funding for FAST Act programs, recognizing the ITS improvements are eligible uses of most formula programs.

- Support new and long-term funding and financing that increases intelligent transportation investments across modes.

- Support a new program like the Bush-era Urban Partnerships Agreements that would fund ITS and other congestion relief technologies and projects.

- Support new funding for the SMART Cities Challenge.

- Support new funding for transportation research programs.

- Support new funding for broadband deployment.

- Oppose cuts to federal transportation programs to fund an infrastructure bill.

- Oppose devolution of funding infrastructure from the federal government to states and localities.

**Smart Communities**
- Ensure large cities (1,000,000 +) are eligible for funding along with medium, small, and rural cities and towns.

- Support funding for modes such as biking and walking facilitated by better traveler information and public transit.

**Focus Continues on Clearing Senate AV Bill by the End of the Year**

ITS America can confirm that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation leadership remain focused on the passage of the Senate passage of S. 1885, “American Vision for Safer Transportation through Advancement of Revolutionary Technologies (“AV START”) Act” by the end of year. As Policy Rundown heads to press, there are no Republican holds on the bill remaining. Several Democrats have placed holds on the bill, however, aides are optimistic that the remaining issues can be worked out, which would allow passage under unanimous consent. ITS America supports Senate passage of the AV START Act.

**Infrastructure Bill Expected January 2018**

The Trump administration will release their infrastructure principles in January 2018. It calls for allocating at least $200 billion in federal funds over 10 years to spur at least $800 billion in spending by states, localities and the private sector. It remains unclear how much of the $200 billion would be for transportation (as opposed to broadband, water, and other infrastructure) and the exact source of the funding. The Administration has floated the idea of cuts elsewhere to pay for federal funding for an infrastructure plan. The plan would put the federal funding in four areas: funding for states and localities that generate their own funding; formula block grants for rural areas; federal lending programs; and money for transformational projects. The plan would shift responsibility for funding infrastructure from the federal government to states and localities. Devolution of surface transportation funding has little support in Congress.

In the meantime, the House and Senate transportation and infrastructure committees are beginning to flesh out priorities for an infrastructure package. The committees are likely to use the Fixing America Surface Transportation
(FAST) Act as the structure for the transportation title of the $200 billion in federal funding for infrastructure. Sources: ITSA meetings with House and Senate transportation infrastructure committees, Politico, and Bloomberg.

**Next Gen Wireless Infrastructure Bill Staff Draft: ITS America Seeking Member Feedback**

ITS America is still looking for member feedback on the Next Gen Wireless Infrastructure bill staff draft recently released by Senators John Thune (R-SD) and Brian Schatz (D-HI). The intent of the legislation is to streamline the siting process for building out next generation wireless infrastructure. The staff draft specifically would:

- The proposed bill would legislatively impose timeframes – 60 days for collocation and 90 days for all other requests and includes deem granted provisions to enforce the shot clocks.

- Preserve the authority of state and locals to require fair and reasonable compensation for attachment or access to their poles or other property, so long as they are based on actual and direct costs.

- Ensure statutory definitions cover current and future services – would change “personal wireless services” to “wireless services” to include all forms of radio communication.

- Encourage state and locals to communicate with wireless carriers prior to the commencement of a highway project to determine whether to include broadband conduit.

- Clarifying local cable franchising rules – would clarify that franchising authorities may not require providers to obtain multiple franchises for different services offered by the same provider over the same facilities, and may not impose additional franchising or fee requirements for deploying equipment on cable system facilities already authorized to be in the rights-of-way.

ITS America legislative affairs continues to seek feedback on the staff draft. Please email feedback to Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Ron Thaniel, at rthaniel@itsa.org.
State and Local Policy Development

Utah DOT: Zero Fatalities Installs Sidewalk Clings to Help Encourage Pedestrian Safety

Zero Fatalities installed outdoor advertisements on December 13, 2017, as part of the “Heads Up” pedestrian safety campaign, reminding people to stay alert when walking this holiday season. Twenty sidewalk clings were placed with retro-reflective advertisements at 50 bus shelters throughout Salt Lake City. The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) selected intersections with high pedestrian traffic and crashes. Click here for more information: http://blog.udot.utah.gov/category/press-releases/

In Memoriam: San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee

Commissioners and staff at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) are mourning the untimely passing of San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee, who died early Tuesday, December 12, 2017, after suffering a heart attack. He was 65. During his tenure as mayor, Lee was a booster of San Francisco’s Central Subway Project and Vision Zero campaign to reduce pedestrian-motorist accidents, along with many regionally significant transportation and bicycle/pedestrian initiatives, including the Caltrain electrification project, the expansion of the ferry network, bike share and Bike to Work Day, among others.

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