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House Passes Highway Programs Extension Bill

Dear NEC Transportation Committee Member:

Minutes ago, the House of Representatives passed a five month renewal of the current surface transportation law, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act ([MAP-21](#)). The vote was a bipartisan 312 to 119 on final passage after a vote to recommit the bill failed. As passed, the Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2015, Part II ([H.R. 3038](#)) would extend MAP-21 – which itself is currently subject to an extension – until December 18, 2015 and would maintain current funding levels for the programs under the law’s purview. The [bill is paid-for](#) through an allocation of some \$8.1 billion that is generated by the use of enhanced tax compliance measures and a 2-year extension (through fiscal year 2025) of the current law governing the collection of Transportation Security Administration fees. The distribution of funds would go primarily towards roads, bridges, and other highway programs while approximately \$2 billion would be targeted toward mass transit programs. The White House on Wednesday issued [a statement](#) indicating that the President would sign H.R. 3038 into law if it reached his desk, while expecting Congress to “use this five-month extension to pass a multi-year bill with significant increases in [infrastructure] investment.” The Senate is expected to take up consideration of its own measure in the days ahead. As such, there may be additional debate on this topic in the House of Representatives.

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