

March 9, 2012

Dear Transportation Policy Committee Member:

Below is an update provided to the New England Council by Congressman Frank Guinta on where the Highway bill stands as of this morning.

Re: Surface Transportation Update March 9, 2012

- Senate is likely to pass their 2 year, \$109 billion transportation bill, possibly as early as March 13th.
- Speaker Boehner has said the House will consider the Senate Transportation Bill, or something similar to it, when we return from the District Work Period, the week of March 19th-23rd.
- Should the House consider and pass this Senate legislation, passage is likely if brought up, this may remove the need for an extension as highway programs are set to expire on the 31st of March. It depends on when the House considers it; and when it would get to the President's desk.
- Speaker Boehner has not closed the door on considering the 5 year, \$260 billion bill the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee passed.
 - Internal divisions within the caucus may make this difficult to pass even with promises to rededicate funding from the Highway Trust Fund to mass transit.

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