



## Committee Update

March 5, 2015

Dear NEC Transportation Committee Member:

I wanted to let you know that we have a meeting scheduled with [Ms. Mary Phillips](#), Senior Professional Staff Member for the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.<sup>[1]</sup> This meeting is set to coincide with the New England Council's annual March Event in Washington, D.C.

**\*\* We will be meeting Ms. Phillips at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. The Subcommittee is located in Room B376 of the Rayburn House Office Building. \*\***

This meeting comes at a busy time in the calendar of the subcommittee, as the House looks to reauthorize the surface transportation law (MAP21) before it expires on May 31st. After recent continuations of current law, all eyes are on Congress to pass a long-term bill that is fully-funded and which will meet the needs of New England's – and the nation's – infrastructure. With the challenges posed by this winter, it is doubtless that our members are well-versed in how crucial it is to have a top-notch transportation infrastructure network!

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- Federal-aid highway and Federal transit programs
- Highway and transit project planning and development
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- Motor carrier and highway safety regulation
- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)
- Highway safety research and highway safety grants to states
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
- Surface transportation research, administered by FHWA, FTA, and FMCSA, and coordinated through the Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA)
- Security and enforcement responsibilities of the above agencies, particularly FTA and FMCSA
- The Clean Air Act, certain provisions relating to air quality issues

We hope you are able to join us for this important meeting with Ms. Phillips. If you can attend, please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you!

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