



# WASHINGTON UPDATE

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## **Interim Update - House Appropriations Earmarks**

Leaders of the House Appropriations Committee recently announced that the Committee will consider funding individual projects – referred to as “Community Project Funding”, but more commonly known as project earmarks - for the first time in almost ten years. House Members were required to submit project funding requests to the Committee by April 30. The 12 House Appropriation subcommittees are in the process of drafting their **annual FY’22** federal agency funding bills.

The Committee has posted a list of links to individual Members of Congress’ websites (in alphabetical order) listing the project earmarks they have requested for FY’22. Here is a [link](#) to the Committee website. Each member has listed their earmark requests a little differently, but generally they are listed by which subcommittee would provide the funding i.e. Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD), Homeland Security, Energy & Water, etc.

A few points to note:

Senate Republicans do not support bringing back earmarks so it is unclear how this will all get sorted out when the separate House and Senate versions of the annual appropriations bills get reconciled.

The House Appropriations Committee accepted a maximum of 10 community project requests from each member, though only a handful may actually be funded.

The Committee will limit total Community Project Funding to no more than 1 percent of discretionary spending.

Members must provide evidence of community support that were compelling factors in their decision to select the requested projects.

These earmarks are **separate** from the earmarks submitted by Members of Congress to the **House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** for potential funding in the next multi-year FAST Act surface transportation **authorization** bill which the Committee is currently drafting.