



# Washington Update

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The House of Representatives will debate its version of a multi-year surface transportation bill on the House floor starting tomorrow afternoon. The debate can be viewed live on C-Span which is also streamed on-line. Last night, the House Rules Committee approved the procedures for the floor debate and ruled 30 amendments in order to be offered – out of the 250 amendments that were filed. Each will be debated for ten minutes. The Rule is attached. The list of the 30 amendments begins on page 3. These are amendments to the House T&I Committee title only - highway and transit programs. The Rules Committee will meet again later today to review amendments to the revenue, vehicle safety, and research titles. Most of the 30 amendments are relatively minor and non-controversial – except for the Ribble amendment on truck weight. Amendments to kill the transit program, end federal funding for streetcars, suballocate funds to local governments, etc. were not ruled in order.

The White House issued a Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) on the House bill yesterday. Here is a [link](#). While the SAP raises some concerns and objections, particularly about the flat funding levels and cuts to the TIFIA program, it does not make any mention of a possible veto. The Administration strongly supports the provision extending the authorization of the Export Import Bank.