PB Washington Update - March 21, 2013 - Interim Update

This morning, the House passed the Senate-amended version of H.R. 933, the FY'13 full-year continuing appropriations (CR), by a vote of 318 to 109, clearing the measure for the President, who is expected to sign it shortly in advance of the March 27 expiration of the current CR. The Senate passed the amended bill last night by a vote of 73 to 26. The bill funds all federal agencies through the end of the fiscal year – September 30, 2013.

Below is information about the final FY'13 funding levels for various transportation and other infrastructure programs. Here is a link to the transportation section of the bill – Title VIII of Division F.

Program	FY'12 Funding	Final FY'13 Funding
Highway Obligation Limit	\$39.14B	\$39.69B - MAP-21 authorized level
Airport Improvement Program (AIP)	\$3.35B	\$3.35B
Transit Formula and Bus	\$8.36B	\$8.47B - MAP-21 authorized level
Transit Capital Investments – New	\$1.95B	\$1.95B minus 5% sequester = \$1.86B
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Amtrak Capital and Debt	\$952M	\$952M minus 5% sequester = \$909.9M
Clean Water Loan Fund	\$1.47B	\$1.45B
Drinking Water Loan Fund	\$919M	\$908M

Earlier today, the House passed its FY'14 budget resolution (H. Con. Res 25) by a mostly party-line vote of 221 to 207. The Senate will debate its FY'14 budget after the spring recess.

Congress will begin a two-week recess tomorrow.

The latest rumored replacement for US DOT Secretary LaHood is Charlotte Mayor Anthony Foxx. Foxx is a prominent African American Democratic mayor and is a strong proponent of transportation, especially the Charlotte streetcar and light rail projects. He served as host of the 2012 Democratic Convention. No word from the White House on the validity of this rumor.