

WSP Washington Update – May 24, 2017 – Interim Update

In addition to yesterday's WSP Washington Update on the Trump Administration's FY'18 Budget Request, here are some additional documents of interest:

- 1) Link to US DOT's annual FY'18 Budget Highlights - https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/docs/mission/budget/281076/fiscal-year-2018-budget-highlights-book_0.pdf This document is much shorter and easier to read than the government-wide documents produced by OMB. Funding information is provided by mode. In the FTA section, for the first time, New Start, Small Start, and Core Capacity projects are not listed by name along with specific funding requests. The Administration is proposing to only fund those CIG projects which currently have a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA). No other projects currently in the CIG pipeline are proposed to be funded. It is hoped that Congress will restore much of this funding.
- 2) Link to FTA's Annual Report to Congress on Funding Recommendations for the Capital Improvement Grant (CIG) Program for FY'18 - <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grant-programs/capital-investments/proposed-allocation-funds-fiscal-year-2018-capital>. See the chart on page 5 for the FY'18 funding recommendations for those projects which have an existing FFGA and the chart on page 11 for the project ratings for all projects in the CIG pipeline. See the language below from page 7 -

"The FY 2018 proposal limits funding for the CIG Program to projects with existing full funding grant agreements. Future investments in new transit projects would be funded by the localities that use and benefit from these localized projects. Therefore, FTA is recommending a total appropriation of \$1,232.00 million in Section 5309 Capital Investment Grant Program funds in FY 2018 with the proposed distribution as follows:

- *\$1,007.93 million for 12 existing FFGAs, including 11 New Starts and one Core Capacity project;*
- *No funding for Small Starts Projects;*
- *No funding for the Expedited Delivery Pilot Program;*
- *\$111.75 million for other projects that may become ready for funding in FY 2018; My note – most of the \$111M will go to the California Caltrains project. The FFGA for this project was announced earlier this week.*
- *\$12.32 million for management and oversight (1.0% of the FY 2018 funding level.)*

The funding proposed for the existing FFGAs shown above includes the negotiated payment outlined in each FFGA or the amount needed to complete the New Starts commitment if the project is in the last year of its payment schedule."

Over the next several months, the President and his Infrastructure Task Force will be developing a comprehensive proposal that accelerates projects, spurs private sector innovation, and improves how the Federal government delivers infrastructure projects."