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Special Report - House FY 2011 Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations and California Implications - August 2010

On July 29, 2010, the House passed H.R. 5850 (H.Rpt. 111-564), the FY 2011 Appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related agencies, by a vote of 251-157. The bill provides a total of \$67.4 billion in funding, compared to the \$67.9 billion funded in FY10 and the Administration’s budget request of \$68.74 billion.

This document provides a California-oriented analysis of the appropriations prepared by the staff of the California Institute for Federal Policy Research. It is available on the Institute’s website at:

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

To deal with appropriations for programs under SAFETEA-LU, the Committee report states that because reauthorization actions have not yet been completed, the Committee has continued the fiscal year 2010 program structure for all of the transportation programs subject to reauthorization and has, for the most part, generally assumed that the partial year funding levels provided by the current extension Acts will be extended and annualized for fiscal year 2011.

Livable Communities Program

The Committee recommends \$20,000,000 for the livable communities program, which is \$20,000,000 above the fiscal year 2010 enacted level and the same as the level proposed in the fiscal year 2011 budget.

State Grants

Grant to states and localities: \$12,000,00 for grants and technical assistance targeted at improving states, regions, and localities' ability to plan and execute transportation investments in support of livability and sustainability goals.

National Infrastructure Investment Program

The Committee recommends \$400,000,000 for the national infrastructure investment program, which is \$200,000,000 below the fiscal year 2010 enacted level and \$400,000,000 above the level proposed in the fiscal year 2011 budget.

Transportation Planning and Research

The Committee recommends \$9,918,000 for transportation planning, research and development, which is \$8,349,000 below the fiscal year 2010 enacted level and equal to the level proposed in the fiscal year 2011 budget.

Minority Business Resource Center and Outreach

- \$913,000 for the minority business resource center, which is \$10,000 below the fiscal year 2010 enacted level and equal to the fiscal year 2011 budget request.
- \$3,395,000 for minority business outreach, which is \$321,000 above the fiscal year 2010 enacted level and the same as the level proposed in the fiscal year 2011 budget.

Federal Aviation Administration

- \$1,412,692,000 for FAA's facilities and equipment funding is directed toward specific facility and technology improvements to en route programs; terminal programs; flight service programs; landing and navigational aids; and, other air traffic control facilities, which is \$34,800,000 above the budget request and \$168,552,100 below the fiscal year 2010 enacted level.
- \$9,793,000,000 for FAA operations which is the same level requested in the budget and \$442,972,000 above the fiscal year 2010 enacted level.

Office of Commercial Space Transportation

The Committee recommends \$16,747,000 for the office of commercial space transportation which is \$1,000,000 above the budget request and \$1,510,000 above the fiscal year 2010 enacted level.

Federal Highway Administration

The Committee recommends a total program level of \$45,920,927,576 for the activities of the FHWA in fiscal year 2011. The recommendation is \$4,082,283,239 above the budget request and \$3,132,098,576 above the fiscal year 2010 enacted level.

Federal-aid Highways (Limitation on Obligations) (Highway Trust Fund)

The bill includes language limiting fiscal year 2011 federal-aid highways obligations to \$45,217,700,000, an increase of \$4,110,700,000 from the fiscal year 2010 enacted level and an increase of \$3,854,925,000 above the budget request. The Committee's recommendation represents a 10 percent increase as compared to last year's funding level.

Marin Parklands/Muir Woods Visitor Access, CA - The statement of managers accompanying the fiscal year 2004 appropriations Act includes \$1,100,000 in federal lands funding for "Marin Parklands/Muir Woods Visitor Access, California." It is the intent of the Committee that \$220,000 of these funds be made available for "Pacific Way Bridge, County of Marin, CA" and \$180,000 of these funds be made available for "Signal at Flamingo/Highway 1, County of Marin, CA."

National Highway Transportation Safety Administration

The Committee recommends \$891,228,000 for NHTSA to maintain current programs, which is \$13,618,000 above the budget request and \$18,451,000 above the fiscal year 2010 enacted level.

Federal Rail Road Administration

The Committee recommends \$203,348,000 for safety and operations, which is \$31,078,000 above the fiscal year 2010 enacted level and \$50,000,000 above the fiscal year 2011 budget request.

Capital Assistance for High Speed Corridors and Intercity Passenger Rail Service

The Committee recommends \$1,400,000,000 for the passenger rail grant program. The Committee's recommendation is \$1,100,000,000 below the fiscal year 2010 enacted level and \$400,000,000 above the level proposed in the fiscal year 2011 budget. The Committee provides a 40 percent increase over the budget request.

Amtrak

The Committee recommends \$563,000,000 for operating grants for Amtrak, which is the same as the fiscal year 2010 enacted level and the level assumed in the fiscal year 2011 budget request.

Federal Transit Administration

The Committee recommends a total of \$130,698,000 for FTA's administrative expenses, an increase of \$31,787,000 above the fiscal year 2010 funding level and \$17,139,000 above the budget request. Of this amount, \$106,559,000 is for the salaries and expenses of FTA. The bill includes an additional \$24,139,000 to carry out public transportation fixed guideway safety oversight activities, if authorized.

Formula and Bus Grants

The Committee provides \$8,961,348,000 in obligation limitations for these programs and activities which is \$689,648,000 above the budget request and \$618,177,000 over the fiscal year 2010 enacted level. The Report states: "The Committee recognizes that the recommended level represents a significant increase in the transit formula and bus grant program. The Committee strongly believes that this increase is necessary to meet critical transit infrastructure needs and the growing public transportation demands facing our nation. The DOT's 2008 Conditions and Performance Report indicates that an estimated \$15.1 billion annual average investment is needed to maintain transit conditions and performance and \$21.1 billion is needed to improve transit conditions and performance. The Committee's hearings underscored the substantial need and overall support for increased transit investment."

Maritime Administration

The Committee recommends \$174,000,000 for this account, equal to both the budget request and the level enacted in fiscal year 2010.

Suisun Bay - The Report states: "The Committee was pleased with the recent Suisun Bay Agreement, which resolved environmental concerns about the disposal process of 52 obsolete ships in California. The Committee hopes this and other recent agreements will revive the process and reduce the number of obsolete vessels in NDRF's fleet. Therefore, the Committee directs MARAD to submit a multi-year plan to dispose of the remaining obsolete vessels in its fleet to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations within 60 days of enactment of this Act. This document should include cost estimates for each year of the plan."

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT***Fair housing and equal opportunity***

The Committee recommends \$67,964,000 for this account, which is \$3,836,000 below the level enacted in the fiscal year 2010 bill and equal to the budget request.

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

The Committee recommends \$19,395,663,000 for tenant-based rental assistance, an increase of \$1,211,463,000 above the fiscal year 2010 enacted level and \$155,000,183 below the budget request for Section 8 vouchers. Consistent with the budget request, the Committee continues the advance of

\$4,000,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading for Section 8 programs to October 1, 2010.

Choice Neighborhoods Initiative

The Report states: "The Committee recommends no funding for the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, as this program is, yet again, unauthorized. The Committee has instead elected to fund the HOPE VI program to further complete the work of revitalizing severely distressed public housing units." The Administration requested \$250 million for the program.

HOPE VI

The Committee recommends \$200,000,000 for the Severely Distressed Public Housing program (HOPE VI) for fiscal year 2011, equal to the fiscal year 2010 enacted level and \$200,000,000 above the budget request.

Section 184

The Committee recommends \$9,000,000 in new credit subsidy for the Section 184 loan guarantee program, \$2,000,000 above the fiscal year 2010 enacted level and the same as the budget request to guarantee a total loan volume of \$994,000,000.

The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

The Committee recommends \$350,000,000, which is \$15,000,000 above the enacted level for fiscal year 2010 and \$10,000,000 above the budget request.

Community Development Fund

The Committee recommends a total of \$4,352,100,000 for the Community Development Fund account, which is \$97,900,000 below the fiscal year 2010 level and \$28,000,000 below the fiscal year 2011 budget request. Of the amounts made available:

- \$3,990,755,000 is for the formula grants and state share;
- \$65,000,000 for the Native American Housing and Economic Development Block Grant;
- \$150,000,000 for the Sustainable Communities Initiative;
- \$25,000,000 for the Rural Innovation Fund;
- \$25,000,000 for the University Community Fund -Section 107 Grants;
- \$77,145,000 for economic development initiative activities and \$12,200,000 for neighborhood initiative activities; and
- \$7,000,000 for insular areas.

Section 108: Community Development Block Grant

The Committee recommends \$10,000,000 for the Section 108 loan guarantees program, \$4,000,000 above the enacted level for fiscal year 2010 and \$10,000,000 above the level in the budget request.

Brownfield Redevelopment

The Committee recommends \$17,500,000 for the Brownfields Redevelopment program, equal to the level enacted for fiscal year 2010 and \$17,500,000 above the amount in the budget request.

Section 202: Housing for the Elderly

The Committee recommends \$825,000,000 for the Section 202 program for fiscal year 2010, which is equal to the level enacted for fiscal year 2010 and \$551,300,000 above the request for fiscal year 2011. The recommendation allocates funding as follows:

- \$491,300,000 for new capital and project rental assistance contracts (PRAC);

- \$183,700,000 for one-year renewals of expiring PRAC payments;
- \$90,000,000 for service coordinators and the continuation of congregate services grants; and
- \$40,000,000 for grants to convert Section 202 projects to assisted living facilities

CONGRESSIONALLY AND PRESIDENTIALLY DESIGNATED CALIFORNIA PROJECTS IN THE BILL

- Pacific Way Bridge, County of Marin, CA (Woolsey)
- Signal at Flamingo/Highway 1, County of Marin, CA (Woolsey)
- Shelter Network of San Mateo County, CA: Shelter Network's Maple Street Project: \$200,000(Speier)
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., CA: Counsel and Assist Homeowners Facing Foreclosures: \$500,000 (Becerra)
- Variety Boys and Girls Club, CA: Demolition and Reconstruction of a Facility: \$200,000 (Roybal-Allard)
- Project Angel Food, CA: Installation of a Roof and Solar Energy Panels \$150,000 (Becerra)
- People in Progress, Inc., CA Acquisition of a Building for Homeless Veterans: \$380,000 (Berman)
- My Sister's House, CA Renovation of Asian and Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Survivor Home: \$250,000 (Matsui)
- Davis Street Community Center, Inc., CA Building Acquisition: \$500,000 (Stark)
- Community Hospitals of Central California Foundation, dba Community Medical Foundation, CA Design, Construction, Engineering, Furnishings and Equipment: \$750,000 (Costa)
- City of Lawndale, CA Design and Construction of a Community Center: \$500,000 (Waters)
- City of Fullerton, CA Demolition, Planning, Design and Construction of a Community Center: \$500,000 (Sanchez, Loretta)
- City of Burbank, CA Planning, Design and Construction of a Library: \$100,000 (Schiff)
- Chabad of the Valley, CA Renovation of a Facility: \$250,000 (Sherman)
- American Legion Post 139, CA Rehabilitation and Renovation of an American Legion Hall: \$95,000 (Schiff)
- Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART), CA: \$1,000,000 (Woolsey)
- BART Silicon Valley Project, CA: \$2,000,000 (Honda; Lofgren, Zoe)
- Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, CA: \$750,000 (Harman; Schiff; Waters; Watson)
- Watts DASH Community Circulator Bus Project, CA: \$200,000 (Richardson)
- Vacaville Intermodal Station-Phase 2, Vacaville, CA: \$750,000 (Miller, George)
- Transit Center, California State University, Northridge, CA: \$500,000 (Sherman)
- Montebello Bus Lines and Norwalk Transit Agency Bus Replacement Project, CA: \$500,000 (Napolitano)
- Monterey-Salinas Transit Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Security Systems Upgrade, CA: \$800,000 (Farr)
- Municipal Transit Operators Coalition Clean Fuel Bus Purchase, CA: \$2,000,000 (Waters; Harman; Watson)
- Los Angeles Boyle Heights DASH Bus, CA: \$420,000 (Roybal-Allard)
- Los Angeles Florence-Firestone/Walnut Park Transit Vehicles, CA \$300,000 (Sanchez, Linda; Roybal-Allard)
- Los Angeles Midtown DASH Community Circulator Bus Expansion Project, CA \$1,000,000 (Watson)
- Cypress Park Transit Bus and Bus Facilities, Los Angeles, CA \$400,000 (Becerra)
- City of Rialto Metrolink Parking Lot Improvement, CA \$700,000 (Baca)
- City of San Bernardino Intermodal Transit Center, CA \$500,000 (Baca)
- Santa Ana-Garden Grove Fixed Guideway Construction, Santa Ana, CA \$250,000 (Sanchez, Loretta)
- Washington Boulevard Traffic Signal Modernization, Commerce, CA \$650,000 (Roybal-Allard)
- Vesta Street Overpass, San Diego, CA \$450,000 (Davis)
- U.S. Highway 101 High Occupancy Vehicle Widening Project, Carpinteria Creek Bridge, Carpinteria, Santa Barbara County, CA \$650,000 (Capps)
- U.S. 50/Watt Avenue Interchange Modification, CA \$400,000 (Matsui)

- Telegraph Road Realignment, CA \$450,000 (Sanchez, Linda)
- Sidewalk Construction in Ashland, Cherryland and Castro Valley Communities, Alameda County, CA \$200,000 (Lee)
- Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility, CA \$500,000 (Matsui)
- Rosemead Boulevard Underpass Repair Project, Pico Rivera, CA \$450,000 (Napolitano)
- Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Project, CA \$450,000 (Farr)
- Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Phase 2B, CA \$650,000 (Chu; Schiff)
- Marin-Sonoma Narrows, CA \$450,000 (Woolsey)
- Los Banos Bypass Segment One, Los Banos, Merced County, CA \$400,000 (Cardoza)
- Cooley Landing/San Francisco Bay Trail Construction, CA \$600,000 (Eshoo)
- Branford Street and Laurel Canyon Boulevard Flood Improvements, CA \$250,000 (Berman)
- Capitol Expressway Pedestrian Improvements, CA \$240,000 (Lofgren, Zoe)
- I-80/Gilman Street Interchange Improvement Project, Berkeley, CA \$1,000,000 (Lee)
- I-805/La Jolla Village Drive Interchange Project, San Diego, CA \$1,000,000 (Davis)
- I-5 North Stockton Lane Widening and Improvements Project, CA \$1,250,000 (McNerney; Cardoza)
- I-5 Widening from I-605 North to I-710 Environmental Phase, CA \$1,000,000 (Roybal-Allard; Napolitano)
- Avalon Boulevard Interchange Modification at the I-405, Carson, CA \$1,000,000 (Richardson)
- Travis Air Force Base North Gate Access Improvements, CA \$750,000 (Garamendi)
- Low Divide and Rowdy Creek Road Improvement Project, County of Del Norte, CA \$750,000 (Thompson)
- Golden Gate National Parks-Park Access, Transit and Trails, CA \$1,000,000 (Pelosi)
- Great Highway Long-Term Solution Planning, CA \$500,000 (Speier)
- Vallejo Ferry Maintenance Facility, Vallejo, CA \$750,000 (Miller, George)
- Golden Gate Ferry-Sausalito Ferry Facility Ramps and Gangways, CA \$500,000 (Woolsey)
- Berkeley Ferry Service, CA \$500,000 Pelosi; Lee (CA)
- Van Ness Avenue BRT, CA \$15,000,000 The President
- Perris Valley Line, CA \$23,490,000 The President
- E Street Corridor sbX BRT, CA \$42,630,000 The President (Baca)
- East Bay BRT, CA \$15,000,000: The President (Lee)