Priorities & Opportunities to Improve American Communities

2018 Legislative Agenda

Preserve the FAST Act
Maintain FAST Act funding levels through the end of FY2020, with an emphasis on key formula funding programs for rural, urban and specialized transit as well as bus and bus facilities capital. CTAA will support efforts to safeguard the Capital Investment Grant and TIGER programs.

Buses & Bus Facilities Are Infrastructure
In any forthcoming infrastructure investment package, ensure that bus and bus facilities capital is included to help members replace aging fleets and build new facilities. We will continue to support increasing bus and bus facilities capital funding through other means, in addition to any potential infrastructure program.

Regulatory Relief
 Advocate with both the Administration and Congress for common-sense regulations for CTAA members. Provide regulatory relief solutions that take into account the size, resources, capacity and performance of CTAA members. Develop national, state and local partners in this effort.

Reward High Performers
Build the groundwork for increases to the STIC program – commensurate with overall Sect. 5307 increases – through Congressional support for HR 1501. The goal is to increase the STIC set-aside in the FAST Act's successor at a rate that does not negatively impact small-urban transit systems that do not participate in STIC.

Prove Transit’s Role in Successful Healthcare Outcomes
Through research, partnerships, demonstrations, advocacy and Congressional efforts, make clear the vital role CTAA members play in ensuring positive healthcare outcomes for Americans and in savings for the healthcare system. Explore new avenues for research and data that reinforces transit’s role in positive healthcare outcomes.

Connect Rural America
Highlight the growing need to invest in rural transit that connects rural residents with jobs, healthcare, education, retail and more. Establish new partnerships that further these efforts and seek Administration, Congressional and other federal, state and local support for such efforts. Make sense of how rural areas can benefit from emerging transit technologies and innovations.

Prepare for What Comes Next
With the FAST Act's end date (September 30, 2020) approaching, Congressional support and strong partnerships will be needed to craft a viable, timely and data-driven reauthorization strategy.

Anticipate the 2020 Census
Develop resources, tools and strategies for communities to plan for and adapt to re-classification of their communities into different population categories by the U.S. Census Bureau as part of the 2020 census. Seek potential funding partnerships with federal and national partners to build these tools and resources.

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