

CTAA FY19 Appropriations Analysis

Background

After a 35-day partial government shutdown over the lack of appropriations dedicated to a wall between Mexico and the US, President Trump signed the FY 2019 Federal Spending Bill.

Details

- The bill included an additional bonus appropriations of \$700m above FAST Act authorized levels. Of this, \$350m will go to Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities funding.
- The bill includes an additional \$40m above FAST Act authorized levels for Section 5311 rural public transit funding.
- The bill includes language on CTAA's proposed Rural and Small City Transit Applied Technology TA Center: "...not less than \$1.5 million shall for a cooperative agreement through which FTA assists small urban, rural and tribal public transit recipients and planning organizations with applied innovation and capacity building."
- The bill includes language on CTAA's Administration for Community Living grant: "... the report provides not less than \$1m to fund transportation assistance activities for older adults and persons with disabilities. The transportation activities should focus on the most cost-effective and sustainable strategies that can be replicated in other communities."
- The bill includes language continuing the USDA rural public transit and tribal transportation technical assistance programs.