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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board
From: CMAP Intergovernmental Affairs Staff
Date: January 30, 2026
Subject: Legislative update
Action Requested: Information

FEDERAL

FY26 appropriations

As of the time of this writing, the FY26 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development (THUD) appropriation bill was passed by the Senate as part of a package with the five remaining FY26 spending bills. The Senate amended the package received from the House by including 2 weeks of funding for the Department of Homeland Security to allow time for ongoing negotiations around immigration enforcement. With the current continuing resolution expiring January 30, this has placed the federal government in a partial shutdown. The bill presently awaits consideration in the House.

The approved FY26 THUD spending bill provides \$25.1 billion in discretionary funding for USDOT and \$83.2 billion for transportation programs, totaling roughly \$108 billion in budget authority for FY26.

Overall, the FY bill preserves core highway and transit formula programs, while redirecting \$2.3 billion in unobligated IIJA funding into the Highway Infrastructure Programs account and includes roughly \$2.3 billion in earmarks for projects requested by House and Senate members.

Surface transportation reauthorization

Progress toward the next surface transportation reauthorization bill continues to accelerate. Congressional authorizing committees have begun circulating draft language internally in advance of anticipated public release and markups during the first quarter of 2026.

USDOT and its operating administration are also transmitting their reauthorization proposals to the Office of Management and Budget before formal submission to Congress. The current surface transportation bill, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), is set to expire on September 30, 2026, and Congress is working to pass reauthorization ahead of this deadline.

CMAP staff has shared One Regional Voice ([ORV 2025](#)) with the region's congressional delegation and other federal stakeholders to help inform federal policy and investment decisions in the reauthorization bill. CMAP will continue engaging with the region's congressional delegation and stakeholders to elevate shared goals and priorities.

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General legislative activity

The General Assembly has convened for its 2026 regular session and is scheduled to be in session through May 31, 2026. February 6, 2026, is bill introduction deadline and CMAP staff will review and track legislation before the Illinois General Assembly that impacts the region and is relevant to CMAP's work.

For more information on other tracked legislation of interest, please contact Ryan Gougis, IGA Specialist at rgougis@cmap.illinois.gov.

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