



# Briefing Notice



## The Transportation Clock is Ticking: Impacts, Risks, and Solutions

### New APTA Report Shows Impacts of Lost Federal Funding

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm — Thursday, April 9, 2015

Lunch at 12:00 noon, event starts 12:30 PM

B-369 Rayburn House Office Building

Please RSVP to expedite check-in: [www.eesi.org/040915trans#rsvp](http://www.eesi.org/040915trans#rsvp)

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The Environmental and Energy Study Institute (**EESI**) and the American Public Transportation Association (**APTA**) invite you to a briefing about the looming expiration of the Transportation Bill. How does uncertainty over federal transportation funding put jobs and local economies at risk? What can be done to ensure stable, long-term federal investment in public transit, highways, and bridges? How can new information from APTA, to be released at the briefing, help us understand how the federal funding at risk impacts specific regions and the nation as a whole? Speakers for this forum are:

- **Paul Balmer**, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Earl Blumenauer (Member, Ways & Means Committee).
- **Michael Melaniphy**, President & CEO, American Public Transportation Association (APTA)
- **Emmett V. Jordan**, Mayor, Greenbelt, Maryland
- **Drew Preston**, Manager, Congressional and Public Affairs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

The Transportation Bill, *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)*, was signed into law in July 2012, and included many innovative bipartisan policy enhancements. Current federal fuel taxes are not adequate to sustain the Highway Trust Fund and Mass Transit Account. These user fees have not changed in 22 years and so have not kept up with inflation. Today, funding sources supporting the Highway Trust Fund no longer suffice to maintain the nation's infrastructure, let alone improve it. Moreover, use of the Highway Trust Fund for surface transportation investments has only been authorized through May 31, 2015.

Transit agencies and state DOT's need funding to be in place so they can move forward with contract work during the upcoming construction season. They will not be able to do so unless they are certain that federal funding assistance will be available over the full life of those projects. Such delays have a considerable impact on the local and national economy.

The briefing is being held in conjunction with **Stand Up For Transportation Day**. On April 9, over 140 communities across the nation—large and small, rural, suburban and urban—will all hold events to trumpet the critical need for stable, long-term federal investment in public transit, highways and bridges.

**This event is free and open to the public.**

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