

2018-The Year of Infrastructure?

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Maybe!



Topics

- **Background**
- **Upcoming Legislation**
- **Infrastructure Package**
- **Advocacy-Research-Communication**



2017 in the rearview mirror

- **Focus:**
 - **Healthcare – ACA repeal**
 - **Supreme Court Justice**
 - **Tax Reform**
 - **Regulatory Reform**
 - **\$1 Trillion Infrastructure package**

2017 in the rearview mirror

- **Other:**
 - **Substantial Congressional member retirements**
 - ✓ **60 Members of Congress, 9 Committee Chairman (including House Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Shuster)**
 - **Republican majority in Senate shrank to 51-49 making it more difficult to pass bills**



2018 In view

- **Upcoming Must-Pass legislation:**
 - **FY 2018 appropriations (February 8),**
 - **Debt Ceiling Limit, DACA fix (March 5),**
 - **FAA reauthorization (March 31**
 - **Continued nominations including FHWA Administrator,**
 - **Continued regulatory reform**



2018 In view

- **Upcoming Priority legislation:**
 - **Infrastructure Package**
 - **Other: continued efforts to repeal the ACA, targeted welfare reform, and trade**

Infrastructure Package- How much?

- **\$1+ trillion over 10 years with \$200 billion direct Federal Funds**
- **Incentivizes private, state & local match to government funds (--looks to reverse current 80% Federal-20% state/local match)**
- **Highway Trust Fund (HTF) shortfall, covered later**



Infrastructure Package- What's covered?

- **Roads and Bridges**
- **Airports**
- **Rail**
- **Transit**
- **Ports**



Infrastructure Package- What's covered?

- **Flood Control**
- **Water resources, Brownfields**
- **Broadband**
- **Power and electric**



Infrastructure Package- What?

- **Four buckets of funding:**
 1. **Infrastructure Incentive Grants (50% of funding is expected in this area to cover no more than 20% of total project costs)**
 2. **Rural Infrastructure Programs (25% is expected to encourage investment to enable rural economies)**



Infrastructure Package- What?

- **Four buckets of funding:**
 3. **Transformative Projects (10% is expected to encourage innovative and transformative projects)**
 4. **Other – additional money for existing federal programs such as the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) and Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act(WIFIA)**



Infrastructure Package-When?

- **Administration expected to release conceptual package in early February**
- **House expected to draft legislation and take up this spring**
- **Senate expected to draft legislation and take up this summer**



Infrastructure Package

- **Republicans and Democrats support infrastructure-one area they work together-Problem Solver's Caucus**
- **Issue has been non-partisan in the past- can they work together?**
- **Agenda limited but so is floor time**
- **Each party concerned about mid-term elections- can they work together?**



Infrastructure Package

- Real issue is the HTF
- In 2015 when FAST Act was passed there was a \$70 billion shortfall requiring transfers from the general fund, if current projections hold the shortfall will be \$18 billion per year from 2012-2026.

Infrastructure Package

- Will states support the Trump concept of pushing infrastructure funding down to states?
- Funding – where is it?
 - Repatriation already used in tax bill.
 - Ear marks?
 - User fee increase?

Advocacy

- **Bottom line-While a plan is coming together, will it have the necessary support on and off Hill?**
- **A fully funded Highway Trust Fund is critical**
- **Need to continue educating and advocating for Pavement Preservation**
- **Working with other DC groups to align messaging**



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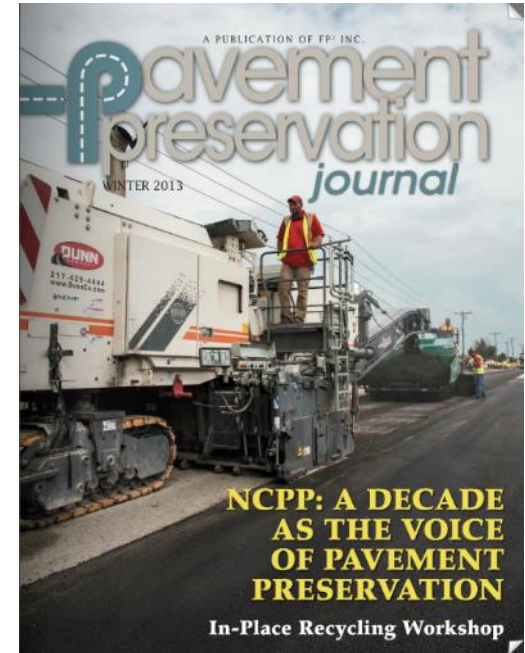
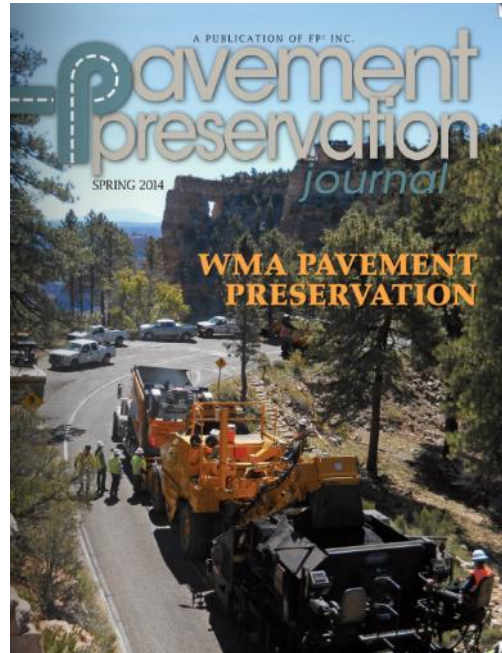


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