November 19, 2026

TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

FROM: Anne Richman, Executive Director

RE: Executive Director's Report – Agenda Item 3 (Discussion)

Local

Safe Routes to Schools Adjusts for Weather to Celebrate Ruby Bridges Day



Despite rainy weather and challenging forecasts, TAM's Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) program worked with schools and volunteers to adjust schedules and ensure students could participate in Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day. While some schools celebrated early or shifted their events to later in the week, others planned to walk rain or shine. The flexibility and enthusiasm of participating schools helped keep the spirit of the event alive, honoring Ruby Bridges and promoting courage, kindness, and inclusion.

Provide Input to the Envision Marin Strategic Plan

The County of Marin is developing Envision Marin, a Countywide Strategic Plan that will guide County priorities, services, and investments over the next six years.

This is an opportunity to share your experiences, needs, priorities and hopes for Marin's future. What do you value most about Marin? What challenges would you like to address? What should the County focus on in the years ahead?

Share your ideas through Engage Marin or attend an upcoming Community Workshop to help shape Marin's future.

Weather Together: Prepare Today. Protect Tomorrow.



El Niño is bringing heavier rain and stronger winter storms to Marin, increasing the potential for flooding, power outages, road closures, mudslides and debris flows.

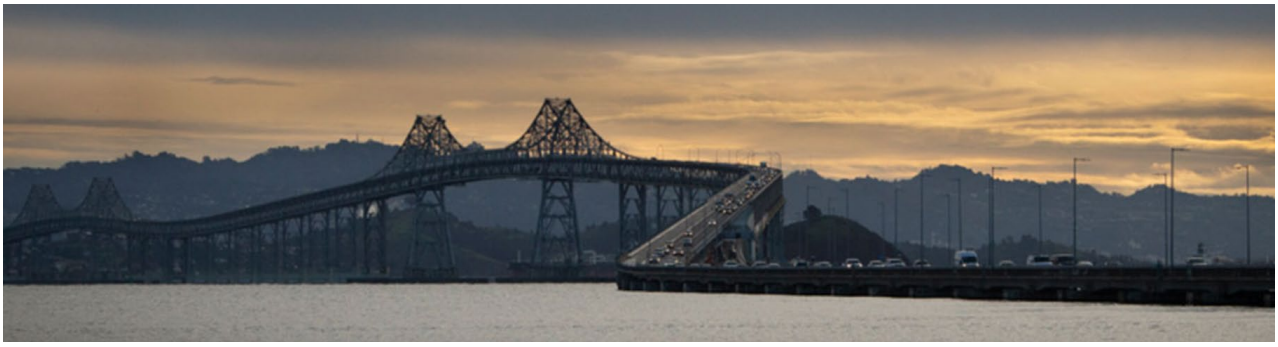
Take time now to understand the risks near your home, workplace and frequently traveled routes. **Sign up for AlertMarin**, make or update your household emergency plan, prepare a Go Bag and Stay Box, clear gutters and drains, and identify local sandbag locations.

A few simple steps today can help protect you, your household and your community when storms arrive.

Learn more and prepare at ReadyMarin.org/ElNino.

Regional

Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Westbound Improvement Project – Provide Input on the Upper Deck and Multi-Use Pathway



Since 2019, Caltrans has been conducting a pilot project on the upper (westbound) deck of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge to evaluate options for balancing vehicle traffic, bicycle and pedestrian access, and emergency shoulder use. The I-580 Westbound Improvement Project is now entering the environmental review phase to evaluate alternatives for the bridge's long-term configuration. As part of this process, Caltrans is hosting three public scoping meetings to provide project information, answer questions, and gather community feedback. The meetings were held in the East Bay on November 16, in Marin County on November 17, and virtually on November 18.

The public comment period runs from November 2 through December 4, 2026. Learn more and provide input: https://us.planengage.com/RSRB-WIP/page/home.

Take the Survey to Help Shape the Guiding Principles for Plan Bay Area 2060

MTC has initiated Play Bay Area 2060, the next major update of the region's long-range transportation plan. This work includes establishing guiding principles to set the vision for desired future outcomes and a framework for analyzing and communicating how well policies and investments are expected to perform.

As an early step in updating the plan, MTC-ABAG staff are conducting a survey for members of the public to weigh in on their priorities for the future. This will help inform any refinements to the plan's existing guiding principles, which the Commission will consider for adoption in early 2027.

The Plan Bay Area 2060 guiding principles survey will remain open through Friday, December 18.

State

Self-Help Counties Coalition 2026 Focus on the Future Conference

The Self-Help Counties Coalition (SHCC) hosted the 2026 Focus on the Future Conference November 15-17. The conference brings together transportation agencies, consultant firms and industry experts. TAM Executive Director Anne Richman participated in several sessions including presenting at a new leadership workshop for agency staffs, the annual CEO panel discussion, and the SHCC Board meeting. Sessions included a recap of Statewide election results and implications for transportation, project delivery strategies, planning topics, funding, and more.

This annual conference is an important forum that highlights the role of the 25 Self-Help Counties in California that implement voter-approved sales tax measures to finance transportation infrastructure.

State Route 37 Closure – Emergency Paving November 19 and 20

Caltrans continues work to strengthen a flood-prone segment of State Route 37 (SR-37) that has historically experienced flooding and occasional closures during the storm season.

As part of ongoing storm preparedness efforts, **both eastbound and westbound SR-37 will be closed overnight on Thursday, November 19**, to allow crews to reposition K-rail barriers and install temporary pavement striping in preparation for the next phase of work.

Closure Schedule:

- **Thursday, November 19, at 10 p.m.:** Both eastbound and westbound SR-37 close
- **Friday, November 20, at 4 a.m.:** Westbound SR-37 reopens
- **Friday, November 20, at 6 a.m.:** Eastbound SR-37 reopens

For additional project information, visit **www.37pave.com**.

Open Road Tolling Gantry Installed during Full Closure of the Richmond San Rafael Bridge



Caltrans completed its full closure of Interstate 580 (I-580) for toll gantry installation as part of the Open Road Tolling Project for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. All lanes were open at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15 – 30 minutes ahead of schedule.

After this one-night full closure of the bridge, Caltrans is scheduled to remove the toll booths in the winter/spring of 2027. The Stenmark Drive on-ramp to Westbound I-580 will remain closed tentatively until spring 2027 in the city of Richmond.

The ORT Program will replace the current, aging toll system with newer "toll gantry" technology that will be optimized to process all tolls electronically. The target for the completion of construction on the ORT Project on the bridge is **summer 2027.**

Learn more about the Richmond San Rafael Bridge Open Road Tolling Project.

Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP)

TIRCP was created to provide grants from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) for capital improvements that will modernize California's intercity, commuter, and urban rail systems, and bus and ferry transit systems. Through the seven cycles of TIRCP funding, the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) has awarded more than $11.5 billion in funding to 153 projects.

The most recent TIRCP Cycle Eight awards were announced on November 5 and include 19 projects totaling $549.4 million.

Among the 19 selected projects is **$24.84 million for Marin Transit's Electrification Bus Facility Project**. The facility will consolidate maintenance, parking, and charging operations currently dispersed across multiple locations and support the eventual charging of transit vehicles. The project also includes the procurement of electric transit buses to support operations and growing ridership, and workforce development.

Other projects awarded in the Bay Area include:

- $25 M for BART's Ashby Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Mobility Enhancements Project
- $100 M (and a future commitment for an additional $650 million) for Transbay Joint Powers Authority's The Portal, also known as the Downtown Rail Extension or "DTX"

Active Transportation Program Cycle 8



The California Transportation Commission (CTC) released the Call for Projects for Cycle 8 of the Active Transportation Program (ATP) earlier this year. ATP includes a Statewide Program administered by the CTC, and a Regional Program administered by MTC for the Bay Area.

TAM retained a consultant to support select jurisdictions in developing competitive ATP applications. Statewide and Regional applications for the following were submitted:

- Larkspur – Redwood Highway Westside Active Transportation Bike Path
- Mill Valley – Safe Routes to Schools/Safe Routes for Seniors
- Novato – Redwood Blvd Sidewalk Gap Closures
- San Anselmo – Creek Park Contraflow Bike Lane Project
- San Rafael – Manuel T. Freitas Parkway Multi-Use Pathway

San Rafael separately submitted an application for the Merrydale Road Active Transportation Connectivity Project for the Statewide Program but not for the Regional Program.

On November 2, 2026, CTC staff released the recommended funding for ATP Cycle 8 that unfortunately did not include any of the applications submitted by Marin agencies. The Statewide Component of ATP only recommended 19 projects for a total of $309,660,000. The Small Urban and Rural Component includes five projects for a total of $61,932,000.

Cycle 8 was particularly competitive with the CTC receiving 317 project applications requesting $2.9 billion, which is more than five times the available amount. The cutoff score was 94 points out of 100 points possible, which is the highest cutoff score for a normal cycle of ATP. The recommendation averaged $16 million per project with the highest award being $51 million.

Marin agencies are now awaiting staff recommendations from MTC for ATP regional funds, which are expected to be announced in December 2026.

State Election Results



Gus Khouri, TAM's State Legislative Consultant, of Actum LLC provided the attached memo on the summary of the 2026 State Election. Most notable include:

- **Bay Area Regional Transit Measure** passed by 63% that establishes a 14-year retail transactions and use tax ("sales tax") of 0.5% in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties and 1% in the City and County of San Francisco, primarily for BART, Muni, Caltrain and AC Transit.
- **Affordable Housing**, Proposition 1, passed with 61% in support. Proposition 1 allows the state to sell $11.25 billion in bonds to fund various affordable housing programs. Of that total amount, $1.25 billion would go toward veteran housing, while the rest would fund rental homes, homeownership programs, farmworker housing, affordable student housing, tribal housing and more. The bond is expected to help fund up to 40,000 multifamily rental units, while also helping another 40,000 households buy a home.

- **Expand the Rainy-Day Fund**, Proposition 2, passed by 61% to expand the fund's maximum size from 10% of general fund tax revenue to 20%.
- **Voter Approval Threshold**, Proposition 43, failed with 57.5% in opposition. Proposition 43 would have required two-thirds of voter approval to impose, extend, or increase special taxes, specifically eliminating the ability for a citizen initiative to qualify with a simple majority vote.

Federal

Federal Legislative Consultant Weekly Updates



TAM's Federal Legislative Consultant disseminates regular Updates on federal transportation issues to keep the agency informed, including activities in Congress, the Executive Administration, and relevant federal agencies, such as the Department of Transportation. Attached are Carpi & Clay's Transportation Weekly Updates for November 6 and 13, 2026.

Carpi and Clay provided a summary memo (attached) on the Federal 2026 midterm elections.

Welcome to TAM!

Please join us in welcoming Nellie Graham, TAM's new Associate Transportation Planner. Nellie brings more than four years of transportation-related experience, including extensive research and analysis focused on transportation equity and community needs. We are excited to have her join the TAM team!

TAM in the Community

Date	Meeting	Topic
10.7.2026	International Walk to School Day	SR2S
10.9.2026	Movies in the Park - Pickleweed	Marin 101-580
10.21.2026	WTS Leadership Workshop	General
11.10.2026	League of Women Voters – Transportation and Land Use Committee	General
11.12.2026	Marin Coalition	SR-37
11.18.2026	Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day	SR2S
12.10.2026	San Rafael Leadership Institute	General

Actum

STRATEGY EXECUTION OUTCOMES

November 4, 2026

TO: Board Members, Transportation Authority of Marin
FROM: Gus Khouri, Partner
Actum LLC

RE: STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – 2026 ELECTION SUMMARY

GENERAL UPDATE

Election Day was held on November 3. Prior to the midterms, Republicans held a 218 to 214 advantage over Democrats in the House of Representatives. There were two vacant seats in the House due to the resignations of Rep. Tony Gonzales (R-Texas) and Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (D-Florida) that needed to be filled. Rep. Kevin Kiley is the lone Independent having served California former 3rd Congressional District. Tuesday night's results revealed that Democrats had made substantial gains in Congress and even in the California legislature. This report will highlight races of interest to Marin County, including state ballot measures.

Statewide Offices

Governor – Xavier Baccera – 65.3%
Lieutenant Governor – Fiona Ma – 65.3%
Secretary of State – Shirley N. Weber – 66.1%
Controller – Malia Cohen – 65.1%
Treasurer – Eleni Kounalakis – 65.3%
Attorney General – Rob Bonta – 65.1%
Insurance Commissioner – Jane Kim – 53.1%

State Ballot Measures of Interest

Prop 1 ($11.25 Affordable Housing Bond) Approved – 60.6%
Prop 2 (doubles State Rainy Day Fund) Approved – 60.9%
Prop 40 (Billionaire Tax) Failed – 53.7%
Prop 43 (All special taxes at 2/3) Failed – 56.6%

The new 2027-28 Session legislative class will be sworn into office on Monday, December 7. Democrats will continue to hold supermajorities in both houses of the State Legislature (at least 75%), with a 32 to 8 margin in the Senate, after a pick-up in SD 40 in San Diego County, and at least 64 to 16 in the Assembly, which is a pickup of three seats, and possibly a 66 to 14 advantage, pending races in AD 70 and 72. The Regular Session will reconvene on Monday, January 4. The proposed FY 2027-28 State budget will be released by January 10. Below are results for Marin's delegation.

Congress (CD – Congressional District)

Nationally, Democrats currently hold a 254 to 163 advantage in the House of Representatives after flipping 44 seats, well over the 218 needed to have control, with 56 seats remaining to be called. Some projections estimate Democrats having as many as 259 members. Democrats also gained seven seats in the U.S. Senate and will have at least 54 members, with gains in North Carolina Pennsylvania, Texas, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Kentucky and Colorado. Races remaining in Alaska and Mississippi are undecided.

CD 2 runs from Marin County to the Oregon border. It entirely covers Marin, Humboldt, Del Norte, Trinity, Siskiyou, Modoc and Shasta counties, plus about 31% of Mendocino and about 12% of Sonoma, mostly the western part. **Jared Huffman won re-election by securing 65% of the vote.**

State Assembly (AD- Assembly District)

AD 12 includes all of Marin County and about 45% of Sonoma County. Cities in Sonoma include Cotati, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, portions of Santa Rosa, and unincorporated areas, like Kenwood, and Sonoma State University. **Rohnert Park City Councilmember Jackie Elward succeeds Assemblymember Damon Connolly who ran for State Senate by securing 56.5% of the vote.**

State Senate (SD- Senate District)

Only even-numbered seats were up for election in the 2026 cycle. Democrats gained one seat with Former San Diego city Attorney Mara Elliott (D) succeeding termed-out Senate Republican Leader Brian Jones (R) in San Diego County.

SD 2 runs from Marin along the North Coast to the Oregon border. It also covers Sonoma, Mendocino, Humboldt, Trinity, Del Norte and Lake counties. **Assemblymember Damon Connolly succeeds Mike McGuire by securing 74.4% of the vote.**



Transportation Authority of Marin
2026 Election Memo

The information in this memo is current as of November 6, 2026 at 8:50 am ET.

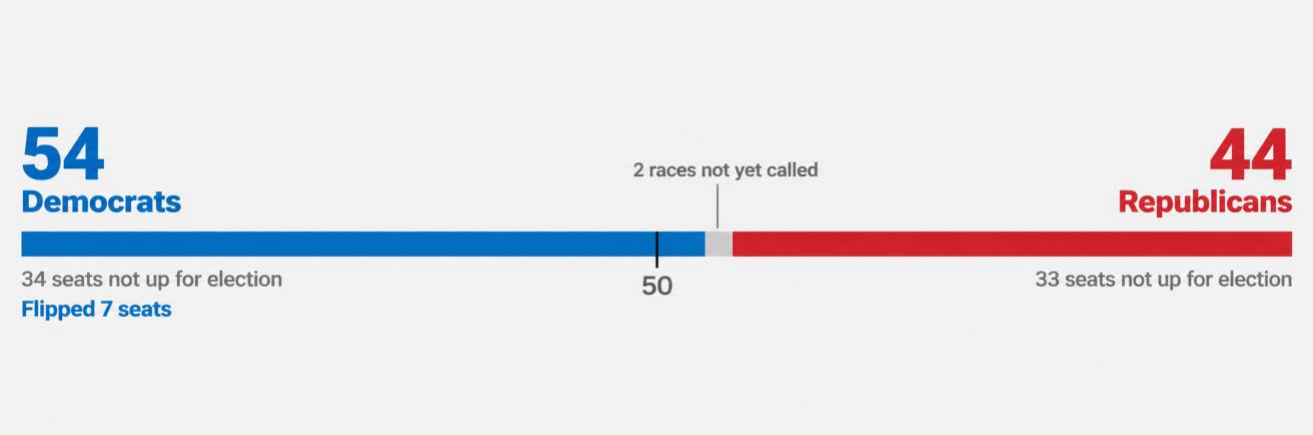
With the 2026 midterm elections largely decided, Democrats have secured control of both the House and Senate, setting the stage for divided government during the final two years of President Trump's term. While there are currently 2 senate races and 25 races that remain outstanding, attention is now turning to the leadership and committee changes that will shape the 120th Congress. In the coming weeks, both parties will finalize their leadership teams, Committee Chair and Ranking Member positions, and Committee assignments. The following memo provides a detailed breakdown of the election results, as well as the current state of play for congressional leadership and committee positions.

- U.S. Senate
- U.S. House of Representatives
- California Delegation

U.S. SENATE

Democrats Will Take Control of the U.S. Senate

Before the election, Republicans held a 53–47 majority in the Senate, including two Independents who caucus with Democrats. In the 120th Congress, Democrats will hold 54 seats, including two Independents, while Republicans will hold 44 seats, giving Democrats a net gain of seven seats. The Alaska and Mississippi races remain undecided, leaving the final composition of the chamber uncertain. Democrats flipped Republican-held seats in Iowa, Kansas, Maine, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, and Texas, securing control of the Senate in the 120th Congress. With Republicans retaining the White House, this shift will create divided government and give Democrats control of the Senate's legislative agenda, committee leadership, and confirmation process.



NEW SENATORS FOR 120TH CONGRESS

NAME	REPLACING	CURRENT POSITION
Kurt Alme (MT)	Retiring Sen. Steve Daines (R)	Former U.S. Attorney for the District of Montana
Annie Andrews (SC)	Sen. Darlene Graham (R)	Pediatrician
Andy Barr (KY)	Retiring Sen. Mitch McConnell (R)	Congressman (KY-6)
Sherrod Brown (OH)	Sen. Jon Husted (R)	Former U.S. Senator
Roy Cooper (NC)	Retiring Sen. Thom Tillis (R)	Former North Carolina Governor
Abdul El-Sayed (MI)	Retiring Sen. Gary Peters (D)	Physician; former Wayne County health director
Peggy Flanagan (MN)	Retiring Sen. Tina Smith (D)	Lt. Governor of Minnesota
Harriet Hageman (WY)	Retiring Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R)	Congresswoman (WY-At Large)
Adam Hamilton (KS)	Sen. Roger Marshall (R)	Methodist Pastor
Kevin Hern (OK)	Retiring Sen. Alan Armstrong (R)	Congressman (OK-1)
Troy Jackson (ME)	Sen. Susan Collins (R)	Former President of the Maine Senate; Logger
Julia Letlow (LA)	Retiring Sen. Bill Cassidy (R)	Congresswoman (LA-5)
Barry Moore (AL)	Retiring Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R)	Congressman (AL-1)
Chris Pappas (NH)	Retiring Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D)	Congressman (NH-1)
Juliana Stratton (IL)	Retiring Sen. Dick Durbin (D)	Lt. Governor of Illinois
James Talarico (TX)	Retiring Sen. John Cornyn (R)	Texas State Representative

Josh Turek (IA)	Retiring Sen. Joni Ernst (R)	Iowa State Representative

INCUMBENT SENATORS WHO WON RE-ELECTION

- Cory Booker (D-NJ)
- Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)
- Chris Coons (D-DE)
- Tom Cotton (R-AR)
- Bill Hagerty (R-TN)
- John Hickenlooper (D-CO)
- Ben Ray Luján (D-NM)
- Ed Markey (D-MA)
- Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
- Ashley Moody (R-FL)
- Jon Ossoff (D-GA)
- Jack Reed (D-RI)
- Pete Ricketts (R-NE)
- Jim Risch (R-ID)
- Mike Rounds (R-SD)
- Mark Warner (D-VA)

UNDECIDED SENATE RACES

- **Alaska:** Mary Peltola (D) vs. Sen. Dan Sullivan (R)
- **Mississippi:** Scott Colom (D) vs. Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R)

SENATE LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS

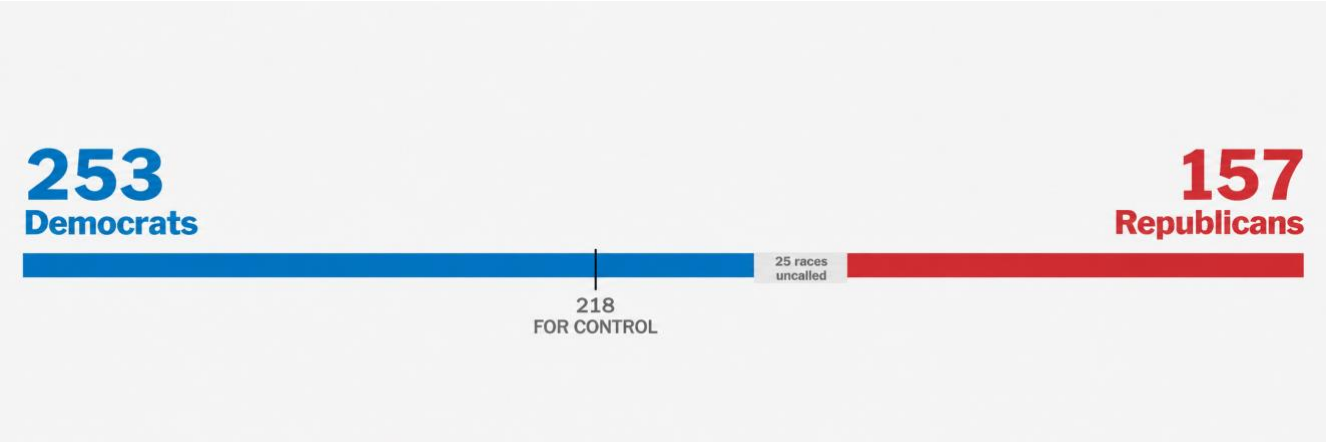
Senate Republicans will hold their leadership elections on Tuesday, November 10. Current Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) and Majority Whip John Barrasso (R-WY) plan to seek another term as Senate Republican Leader and Senate Republican Whip, respectively.

Senate Democrats have not yet announced a date for their leadership elections. Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) is expected to return as Majority Leader, while Senator Brian Schatz (D-HI) is expected to succeed retiring Senator Dick Durbin as Democratic Whip.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Democrats Will Take Control in the U.S. House of Representatives
Coming into the election, Republicans held a narrow House majority, with 218 Republicans, 214 Democrats, one Independent who caucuses with Republicans, and two vacancies. Democrats have now secured control of the House for the 120th Congress, flipping at least 43 Republican-held seats. At the time of this memo, Democrats have won 253 seats compared to

157 for Republicans, with 25 races still undecided. With Democrats surpassing the 218 seats needed for a majority, Republicans will relinquish control of the House in January 2027. The final composition of the chamber will become clearer as the remaining races are called.



FLIPPED SEATS

STATE	DISTRICT	FLIP TO
Arizona	1	Democrat
Arizona	6	Democrat
California	1	Democrat
California	3	Democrat
California	22	Democrat
California	41	Democrat
California	48	Democrat
Colorado	5	Democrat
Colorado	8	Democrat
Iowa	1	Democrat
Iowa	2	Democrat
Iowa	3	Democrat
Indiana	5	Democrat
Kentucky	6	Democrat
Michigan	4	Democrat
Michigan	7	Democrat
Michigan	10	Democrat
Missouri	2	Democrat
Montana	At Large	Democrat
Nebraska	2	Democrat
New Jersey	2	Democrat
New Jersey	7	Democrat
New York	17	Democrat
Nevada	2	Democrat
North Carolina	6	Democrat
North Carolina	9	Democrat
North Carolina	11	Democrat
North Carolina	13	Democrat
North Carolina	14	Democrat
Ohio	7	Democrat

Ohio	10	Democrat
Ohio	15	Democrat
Pennsylvania	1	Democrat
Pennsylvania	7	Democrat
Pennsylvania	8	Democrat
Pennsylvania	10	Democrat
Tennessee	9	Republican
Texas	15	Democrat
Texas	23	Democrat
Texas	32	Republican
Utah	1	Democrat
Virginia	1	Democrat
Virginia	2	Democrat
Wisconsin	1	Democrat
Wisconsin	3	Democrat

UNCALLED RACES

STATE	DISTRICT	CURRENT LEADER
Alaska	At Large	Republican up by 9.2%
Arizona	2	Republican up by 2%
Arizona	5	Republican up by 2.4%
Arizona	8	Republican up by 2.9%
California	4	Jones up by 3%
California	7	Matsui up by 14.8%
California	11	Wiener up by 9.1%
California	14	Wahab up by 13.1%
California	23	Obernolte up by 2.7%
California	40	Calvert up by 8.8%
Colorado	3	Republican up by 1.9%
Colorado	4	Democrat up by <1%
Florida	7	Republican up by <1%
Florida	9	Democrat up by <1%
Florida	26	Republican up by <1%
Florida	27	Republican up by <1%
Louisiana	6	Democrat up by <1%
Maine	2	Republican up by 1.6%
Minnesota	1	Democrat up by <1%
New York	21	Republican up by 2.1%
North Carolina	3	Republican up by <1%
North Carolina	5	Democrat up by <1%
North Carolina	7	Republican up by <1%
North Carolina	8	Republican up by 1.8%
North Carolina	10	Republican up by 1%
South Carolina	1	Democrat up by <1%
South Carolina	2	Republican up by <1%
Tennessee	4	Democrat up by <1%
Washington	5	Republican up by 1.3%

LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS

House Republicans will hold their leadership elections on November 10. Following Democrats' victory in the House, Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) announced that he will not seek the Minority Leader position in the 120th Congress. House Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-LA) and House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jim Jordan (R-OH) have both expressed interest in the position, setting up a competitive leadership race. Additional Republican leadership positions, including Minority Whip, will also be determined.

House Democrats will hold their leadership elections on November 18 and 19. House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY) is expected to become Speaker of the House, while Minority Whip Katherine Clark (D-MA) plans to seek the Majority Leader position, and Democratic Caucus Chair Pete Aguilar (D-CA) is also expected to seek the Majority Whip position. Democrats will select their remaining leadership team as they prepare to assume control of the House in the 120th Congress.

CALIFORNIA DELEGATION

CA-02
Representative Jared Huffman (D) was reelected over Republican challenger Robin Littau, receiving 66.4% of the vote to Littau's 33.6%.

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November 6, 2026

NEXT WEEK IN CONGRESS

Senate Committee to Hold Nominations Hearing. On November 10, the Commerce, Science, & Transportation Committee will hold a hearing to consider several nominations, including Leslie Becera, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation.
MORE INFORMATION

House Committee to Hold Hearing on ATC. On November 10, the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee titled "Examining the Delivery of the Brand-New Air Traffic Control System (BNATCS). Witnesses have not yet been announced.
MORE INFORMATION

THIS WEEK AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FAA Announces Deadline for Intent to Use AIP Apportioned Funds. FAA announces that, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 47105(f), each airport sponsor receiving apportioned funds must inform

the Secretary of its intention to apply for these funds, including any unused funds from previous years (protected carryover). Each airport sponsor must submit notifications for each airport receiving an entitlement amount to their FAA Regional Airports Division/Airports District Office by the national deadline of February 26, 2027. This notification is essential for the efficient planning and management of the AIP. The FAA will carry over and protect any undeclared apportioned funds after this date. Undeclared apportioned funds will be unavailable to the sponsor until the next fiscal year.
MORE INFORMATION

FAA Publishes PFC SNPRM. FAA has published a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPRM) addressing sections in the 2024 FAA Reauthorization that including PFC turnback reductions; two new PFC-eligible projects; restrictions to PFC-eligible projects; FAA's timeline for review and acknowledgement of notice of intent (NOI) submissions; PFC streamlining review eligibility; and PFC submittal requirements. Comments are due by January 4, 2027.
MORE INFORMATION

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

FMCSA Publishes FY 2027 CCFP NOFO. FMCSA has posted a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the availability of $7 million through the FY 2027 Crash Casual Factors Program (CCFP). The program provides supplemental funding to eligible State and local law enforcement agencies to support the collection of advanced crash data to inform the Heavy-Duty Truck Study. Applications are due by December 28, 2026.
MORE INFORMATION

FMCSA Launches a Complaint Center. FMCSA has launched a complaint center providing a more streamlined way to report potential violations of federal motor carrier safety and hazardous materials regulations. Formerly known as the National Consumer Complaint Database (NCCDB), the FMCSA Complaint Center has undergone significant improvements since the updated system launched last year. Recent enhancements include:

- **Expanded complaint categories:** New categories cover property brokers, Entry-Level Driver Training/Training Provider Registry (ELDT/TPR), intermodal equipment providers, and registration-related fraud and identity theft.
- **Updated name and audience references:** The latest release renames the platform the FMCSA Complaint Center and replaces references to “consumer” with “general public” to better reflect the range of individuals who can submit complaints.

- **Improved user experience:** FMCSA has overhauled the website and complaint submission form and updated the complaint search tool to make the platform easier to navigate.
- **Reorganized categories:** The Medical Review Officer/Substance Abuse Professionals category is now included under a new category, Drug and Alcohol Service Agents.

MORE INFORMATION

CARPI &CLAY

As a Partner at Carpi & Clay, ***Channon Hanna,*** *brings 20 years of hard-won federal transportation policy expertise to clients navigating the intersection of politics, policy, and infrastructure.*



November 13, 2026

NEXT WEEK IN CONGRESS

Senate Committee to Hold Hearing on FTA Nomination. On November 19, the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on several nominations including Mark Aesch, to be Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
MORE INFORMATION

Senate Committee to Hold Markup on FTA Nomination. On November 19, the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee will hold a markup on several nominations including Mark Aesch, to be Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
MORE INFORMATION

Senate Committee to Hold Markup on Transportation-Related Bills and Nominations. On November 18, the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee will hold a markup to consider the following bills:

- **S. 4256, the Airmen Certificate Accessibility Act** – allows a pilot to present a digital copy of certain certificates (e.g., an airman certificate or a medical certificate) when required to present such documentation by a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) inspector.

- **S. 5251, ACPAC Modernization Act** – expands the Aviation Consumer Protection Advisory Committee (ACPAC) membership to include a ticket agent representative.

- **Trucker Bathroom Access Act** – expands access to restroom facilities for certain commercial truck drivers, including drayage truck operators. (Senate bill not yet introduced.)

- Leslie Becera, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation

MORE INFORMATION

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS

Senate Committee Holds Nominations Hearing. On November 10, the Commerce, Science, & Transportation Committee held a hearing to consider several nominations, including Leslie Becera, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation. In her opening statement, Leslie Becera, President Trump's nominee to serve as Assistant Secretary for Government Affairs at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), highlighted her experience serving as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Government Affairs at DOT and her previous work for Congressman Sam Graves. Becera emphasized the importance of strengthening communication between DOT, Congress, and state and local governments, pledging to prioritize transparency, responsiveness, and collaboration if confirmed. She also underscored the Administration's focus on transportation safety, connectivity, and accelerating infrastructure project delivery.
MORE INFORMATION

THIS WEEK AT THE WHITE HOUSE

President Trump Nominates FTA Administrator. On November 10, President Trump nominated Mark Aesch, to be Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
MORE INFORMATION

THIS WEEK AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DOT Publishes GADC NOFO. DOT has published a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the availability of $20 million through the Great American Digital Corridors (GADC) program. GADC provides funding to support States in modernizing Digital Infrastructure on the Federal-aid highway system, including the Interstate System, to improve safety and efficiency, reduce congestion, and optimize freight movement. Digital Infrastructure supports the modernization of the transportation systems by enabling the exchange of precise, accurate and reliable digital feeds of work zones, lane closures, and other dynamic, real-time operational conditions. Using Digital Infrastructure to bridge the gap between physical infrastructure and digital intelligence, infrastructure owner operators (IOO) can improve safety, efficiency, security, and mobility for transportation workers and all road users. Eligible entities include states, local governments, tribal governments, transit agencies, public toll authorities, metropolitan planning organizations, and others. Applications are due by December 28, 2026.
MORE INFORMATION

FAA Publishes Conditional Expected Casualty Exception for Failures Resulting in an Uncontrolled Atmospheric Return NPRM. FAA has published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that would amend its commercial space launch and reentry licensing regulations to streamline the licensing process and reduce regulatory burden for license applicants. Specifically, FAA proposes to allow a launch and reentry vehicle operator to protect against high consequence events during an uncontrolled atmospheric return by showing that there would be sufficient breakup of the vehicle to ensure protection against a single event expected to produce multiple casualties. Comments are due by December 9, 2026.
MORE INFORMATION

FAA Publishes Flight Abort Burden Reducing Clarification on End of Flight Safety Limits NPRM. FAA has published an NPRM that would amend its commercial space launch and reentry licensing regulations to streamline the licensing process and reduce regulatory burden for license applicants. Specifically, FAA proposes to clarify the conditions under which a vehicle operator is not required to abort a flight. Comments are due by December 9, 2026.
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FRA Issues Advanced Chemistry Battery Hazards in Passenger Railcar Operations Safety Advisory. FRA has issued Safety Advisory 2026-02 to alert the passenger rail industry to the severe safety risks associated with advanced chemistry batteries, such as lithium-ion battery (LiB) power sources, carried aboard passenger railcars within electric micromobility vehicles (EMVs). Recent full-scale testing shows that thermal runaway in these battery systems poses rapid and potentially catastrophic thermal, toxicological, and visibility hazards inside passenger railcars. This Safety Advisory recommends specific operational, training, and emergency planning and response mitigations to protect passengers and crew members.
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FTA Publishes Guidance Policy Statement on the Applicability of Drug and Alcohol Testing Program to TNCs. FTA has published a notice that proposes o clarify FTA's policy on the applicability of FTA's drug and alcohol testing program to transportation network companies. FTA proposes to update the Shared Mobility frequently asked questions, published in 2016 on FTA's website, to correct an error that has resulted in the misapplication of what is commonly known as the taxicab exception and clarify when the exception applies. FTA seeks comment from all interested parties. After review and consideration of the comments, FTA will issue a final notice announcing the policy statement and the revised FAQs. Comments are due by February 13, 2025.
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NHTSA Publishes Traffic Fatality Data for First Half of 2026. NHTSA has published traffic fatality data for the first half of 2026. Crash fatalities fell to an estimated 16,750 from January through June 2026, down from 17,175 during the first half of 2025. Despite a 0.8% increase in vehicle miles traveled, the fatality rate declined to 1.02 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, the second-lowest first-half rate since 2014.
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NHTSA Announces SS4A Grant Awards for Prehospital Blood Transfusion Programs. NHTSA has announced $202.4 million to establish new or expanded prehospital blood transfusion capabilities to 66 communities across 31 states through the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant program. Prehospital blood transfusions performed by emergency medical services lowers mortality rates by 37% for trauma patients with severe bleeding.
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