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# FAA Reauthorization Departs for Senate with ACT TDM Provision On Board



On April 29, the House version of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 was released and advanced to the Senate. This bill includes a provision from **Congresswoman Strickland**, spearheaded by ACT's Public Policy Committee over the past year, namely <u>Section 736</u> which, according to the <u>section-by-section summary</u>, requires the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study on the efficacy of Transportation Demand Management strategies at United States Airports.

On May 1, the Senate voted 89-10 to invoke cloture, a procedural necessity that begins debate on the FAA Reauthorization Act. With the Senate set to consider over 70 amendments, it is all but certain Congress will need to pass a short-term extension before the May 10 deadline, but as of now, it does not appear that Congresswoman Strickland's provision is at risk of being left at the gate. We extend a huge thank you to the Congresswoman, her staff, and the many ACT members who led the charge on this crucial provision.

As major employment and destination centers, there is an opportunity for TDM programs to work closely with airports in their region to improve transportation options for their workforce and travelers. Stay tuned for more information and opportunities for engagement.

### An ACT update from DC

On April 19, Zach Calderón made his inaugural visit to DC as ACT's new Government Affairs & Policy Manager. While there, he and Ben Odendahl from SDA met with staff from **Congressman Mike Thompson (D – CA)** and **Congressman Jake Auchincloss' (D – MA)** offices, both



offices crucial to ACT's policy goals as Congressman Thompson is the incoming chair of the Congressional Bike Caucus and Congressman Auchincloss is ACT's Representative and member of the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee.

While ACT has worked with Congressman Auchincloss since his election to Congress in 2020, we have not had much formal contact with Congressman Thompson's office specifically in the past.

Visit the link below to read about their meetings, including discussions about bike policy, Congressman Auchincloss' Commuter Benefits bill, the formation of a Commuter Caucus in Congress, and more.

Read the full update

### Support the ACT PAC



As a reminder, ACT recently launched <u>ACT PAC</u>, a political action committee committed to supporting candidates committed to advancing ACT's federal policy priorities through Congress. TDM legislation will only advance through Congress with the support of Representatives and Senators who are dedicated to building more efficient and sustainable options to move everyday Americans from one location to another, and in order for this to be achieved, we must demonstrate to both the electorate and elected officials that ACT's 1600+ members are making their voices heard. With good actors on both sides of the aisle, we can make TDM solutions a reality for all.

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