



House Markup Recap: Setbacks, Milestones, and the Senate Opportunity



After months of delay, the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee finally held a markup for the surface transportation reauthorization bill – formally called the Build America 250 Act - set to succeed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

ACT's signature legislation, the [Maximizing Transportation Efficiency Act](#), was previously introduced in the House of Representatives by Congresswoman Strickland — a member of the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee — with the goal of being incorporated into the larger reauthorization bill.

Unfortunately, it was not included in the base text released by Congressional Republicans.

In response, Congresswoman Strickland introduced an amendment for ACT's top priority: the codification of the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) definition. While the amendment ultimately did not pass, the vote marked a meaningful milestone — ACT received bipartisan support, as Republican Congressman Burgess Owens of Utah cast a vote in support. This is a testament to the sustained advocacy efforts of ACT and its members.

Although our priorities were not reflected in the House version of the bill, there is still reason for optimism. The Senate has yet to advance its own version, and ACT is confident that our language can be secured in that process. We have refocused our advocacy efforts on the Senate in anticipation of the Senate version of the reauthorization bill, including hosting a virtual fly-in focused on engaging Senate offices directly. You can sign up to participate [here](#).

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Make Your Voice Heard: Join ACT's Virtual Fly-In on June 22–23

ACT is heading to Capitol Hill — and you don't have to leave your desk to come along. Driven by strong interest from our members, we're excited to introduce our first-ever Virtual Fly-In, taking place June 22 and 23.

Over the course of the event, participants will join small-group virtual meetings with Congressional staff to champion TDM and advance ACT's [Maximizing Transportation Efficiency Act](#). ACT's



Government Affairs and Public Policy teams will be in every meeting to guide the conversation, so whether you're a seasoned advocate or brand new to the process, you'll be fully supported.

Each participant can expect to take part in 2–3 meetings per day (depending on the availability you provide), so there's no need to block off your entire schedule. Simply fill out this short [availability survey](#) and we'll handle the scheduling from there.

Want to feel prepared before the meetings begin? We're hosting an optional — but highly recommended — training session on June 12 from 1–2 PM ET. It will walk through meeting formats, key talking points, and an overview of the legislation you'll be discussing. Sign up for the training session [here](#).

This is a great opportunity to put a face to the programs and services your organization delivers every day to the constituents of your elected officials. We hope you'll join us. Questions? Reach out to Emma at ewasserman@actweb.org.

Brainstorming Session: Family Friendly Transit



Join ACT's Public Policy Committee for a [brainstorming session](#) as we prepare to write a response to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)'s Request for Information on how to create more family-friendly transit services. Read a brief description below:

"Many transit agencies have developed ways to assess and improve the quality of the public transportation service that they provide to their communities."

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) seeks input from the transit industry and the public about how to assess public transportation service quality across five areas: safety and security, cleanliness, universal accessibility, real time service data availability, and system reliability. FTA will use this information to develop tools to help the public, transit agencies, and all levels of government assess the quality of public transportation service in their communities more directly and identify actions necessary to improve family-friendly service."

[Sign up here](#)

Put Your Support Behind TDM — Contribute to ACT PAC

The ACT Political Action Committee (ACT PAC) is a member-funded, non-partisan PAC with a single focus: electing federal candidates who understand and support Transportation Demand Management. Through voluntary contributions pooled from across the ACT membership, the PAC amplifies



our collective voice in Washington and keeps TDM at the forefront of national transportation policy.

Eligibility is broad — individual ACT members, including those affiliated with employer organizations, the self-employed, retirees, and students, are all welcome to contribute using personal funds.

Every dollar helps make the case that TDM matters. [Contribute today.](#)

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Join ACT's Interactive Public Policy Conference Sessions!



ACT's Public Policy Committee is thrilled to announce our sessions at this year's International Conference. See below – we hope to see you there!

Monday, July 27: Killabuster: A Public Policy Murder Mystery - Who Killed the Surface Transportation Bill? *The bill is dead. The question is: who killed it? In this interactive murder mystery session, participants will step into the shoes of lawmakers, lobbyists, constituents, and advocates to uncover the political forces behind surface transportation reauthorization - the most consequential legislative processes for federal transportation policy.*

Assigned a unique role, participants will navigate three dramatic scenes: (1) meetings with constituents and lobbyists, (2) debates, amendments, and negotiation, and (3) floor vote.

Along the way, you'll discover not just how federal transportation programs get funded, but why it's so hard — exploring the competing interests, hidden barriers, and behind-the-scenes advocacy that shape (and sometimes derail) landmark legislation.

Whether you're new to transportation policy or a seasoned advocate, this session offers an engaging, hands-on way to sharpen your understanding of the legislative process — and maybe even solve the mystery.

Tuesday, July 28: Make Your Move: The Maximizing Transportation Efficiency Game *In this interactive game session, participants will play the Maximizing Transportation Efficiency Game, where players work to remove federal restrictions and push ACT's signature legislation, the Maximizing Transportation Efficiency Act, to passage.*

No policy expertise required - the game is designed for everyone! This session offers a fun, hands-on way to explore the issues at the heart of our federal agenda. You'll walk away understanding:

- *What the Maximizing Transportation Efficiency Act does and why it matters*
- *The federal barriers the bill is designed to address*
- *How advocacy drives real legislative change*
- *Where the bill stands and how you can get involved*

If you've been looking for an easy, engaging way to get up to speed on ACT's federal policy priorities, this is the session for you.

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