

# National Coal Transportation Association Post-Election Webinar November 19, 2020



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# U.S. Transportation Policy Biden Administration

## ▶ U.S. DOT Transition or “Review” Team

- ✓ Labor Unions
- ✓ States and Cities
- ✓ Planners
- ✓ Transit, Transit Oriented Development, Alternative Modes, On Demand Services
- ✓ Technology
- ✓ Academia
- ✓ No shippers
- ✓ No railroads, truckers, aviation
- ✓ No A&E/Construction

## ▶ Infrastructure Priority

- ✓ Transit & Commuter Rail Priority

# Transportation Policy

## Surface Transportation Board

### ▶ **STB Board Configuration**

- ✓ Chair Ann Begeman (R) – Term Expires Dec 31
- ✓ Vice Chair Martin Oberman (D)
- ✓ Member Patrick Fuchs (R)
- ✓ U.S. Senate Confirmed on Nov 18!
  - ❖ Robert Primus (D)
  - ❖ Michelle Schultz (R)

### ▶ **Priorities**

- ✓ Continued Implementation of STB *Rate Review Task Force* recommendations
  - ❖ Market Dominance, Revenue Adequacy, Final Offer Rate Review
  - ❖ Demurrage & Accessorial Charges
  - ❖ PSR

### ▶ **Rail Carrier First/Last Mile Data Transparency Request**

- ❖ Submitted by NCTA, FRCA, NITL, PRFBA

### ▶ **NCTA OTP Metric Survey**

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## U.S. Senate

### Leadership

### Key Committees

- ▶ Majority in the Senate will not be finalized until after the January 5<sup>th</sup> run-offs in Georgia
- ▶ Senate ratio will be tighter, regardless of which party prevails. Unclear if committee ratios will change
  
- ▶ **Banking, Housing & Urban Development**
  - ✓ Current Chair Mike Crapo (R-ID) to Chair Finance. Pat Toomey (R-PA) new Chair
  - ✓ Current Ranking Member Sherrod Brown (D-OH) remains
  
- ▶ **Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee**
  - ✓ Chair Roger Wicker (R-MS) remains
  - ✓ Current Ranking Member Maria Cantwell (D-WA) remains but in line for Indian Affairs OR Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) but in line for Rules Chair
    - **Surface Transportation Subcommittee**
      - ✓ Chair Deb Fischer (R-NE) remains
      - ✓ Ranking Member Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) remains
  
- **Appropriations Committee**
  - ✓ Chairman Richard Shelby (R-AL) remains
  - ✓ Ranking Member Patrick Leahy (D-VT) remains

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## U.S. House of Representatives

### Leadership

- **Pelosi urging House Democrats not to take Biden Administration positions to protect majority.**

### Key Committees

- ▶ The ratios of committees are supposed to reflect the ratio of the full House, so the leadership will negotiate new ratios – expect Democrats to lose seats and Republicans to gain seats on most committees.
- ▶ Special committees within each party caucus are created to recommend committee positions.
- ❖ **Transportation and Infrastructure**
  - ✓ Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR) will remain Chairman.
  - ✓ Ranking Member Sam Graves (R-MO) will remain Ranking Member.
    - **Railroad Subcommittee**
      - ✓ Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-IL) lost primary race. Seeking slot: Donald M. Payne Jr. (NJ) & Albo Sires (D-NJ)
      - ✓ Ranking Member Rick Crawford (R-AR) seeking AG Committee Chair. Next in line: Scott Perry (PA).
- ❖ **Appropriations Committee**
  - ✓ Chair Nita Lowey (D-NY) Retiring. Seeking slot: Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), Marcy Kaptur (D-OH), Debbie W. Schultz (D-FL)
  - ✓ Ranking Member Kay Granger (R-TX) remains.

# Transportation Policy Lame Duck

- **Continuing Resolution Expires Dec 11**
  
- **FY 2021 Appropriations**
  - ✓ Pending Record-Level \$37.5million for STB
  - ✓ Pending Report Language Addressing Greater Utilization of CBA, Timeliness of Proceedings, Full Complement of Board Members
  
- **Rail Shipper Fairness Act of 2020**
  - ✓ Sen Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Sponsor
  
- **STB Confirmations – U.S. Senate Confirmed Nov 18**
  - ✓ Robert Primus (D)
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## 117<sup>th</sup> Congress

### ▶ **FAST Act Reauthorization**

- ✓ Current Extension Expires Sep 30, 2021
- ✓ House-passed Moving Forward Act
  - ❖ GAO Study Provision on PSR Affects

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### ▶ **STB Reauthorization**

- ✓ Expired Sep 30, 2020

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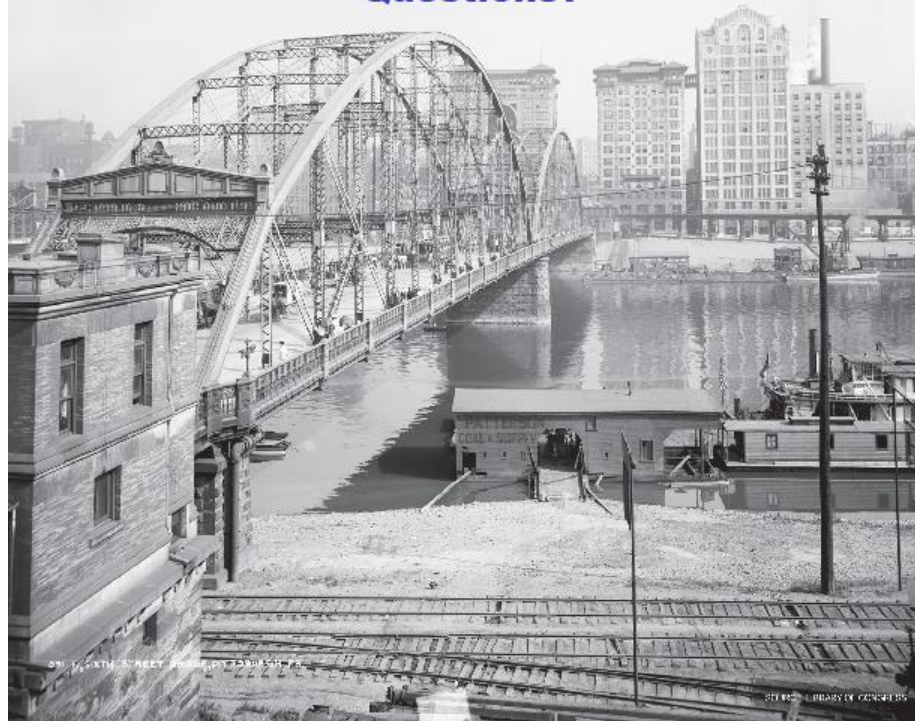
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**Questions?**



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