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**Senate Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations [Bill](#) and [Report](#)**

Program (funding levels in millions)	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17 POTUS Request	FY17 Senate
CDBG Formula Grants	3,030	3,000	3,000	2,800	3,000
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	1,000	900	950	950	950
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	19,177	19,304	19,629	20,854	20,432
Choice Neighborhoods Initiative	90	80	125	200	80
Neighborhood Reinvestment Corp.	204	185	175	140	135
Healthy Homes & Lead Hazard Control	110	110	110	110	135
Transport. Plan., Research & Develop.	4	6	8.5	17	12
St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corp.	31	32	28.4	36	36
Amtrak	1,390	1,390	1,390	___ <sup>1</sup>	1,420
Federal Railroad Administration	1,603	1,626	1,678	6,267	1,753
Federal Transit Administration	10,842	10,887	11,757	19,769	12,332
National Infrastructure Investments (TIGER Grants)	600	500	500	1,250 <sup>2</sup>	525
Grants-in-Aid for Airports	3,350	3,350	3,350	2,900	3,350
Capital Investment Grants (New/Small Starts)	1,943	2,120	2,177	3,500	2,338
Railroad Research and Development	35	39	39	54	40

Other notable funding and provisions:

*Amtrak – Northeast Corridor*

The Committee recommends \$345 million for Northeast Corridor (NEC) Grants to Amtrak. The funding level provided includes no more than \$5 million for use of the NEC Commission established under section 24905 of title 49, United States Code.

The Committee acknowledges that the NEC has a state of good repair backlog of more than \$28 billion. This includes several key components of electrical and signal systems that date back to the 1930s as well

<sup>1</sup> The President's budget requested mandatory funding for Amtrak through the transportation trust fund.

<sup>2</sup> The President's budget requested a shift to mandatory funding for TIGER.

as critical bridges and tunnels that are more than 100 years old. According to the NEC Commission, the loss of the NEC for a single day could cost the country \$100 million in added congestion, productivity losses, and other transportation impacts.

#### *Section 108 Community Development Loan Guarantee*

The Committee recommendation provides a loan level guarantee of \$300 million which is equal to the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and the budget request. The Committee requires HUD to collect fees to offset credit subsidy costs such that the program operates at a zero credit subsidy cost.

#### *Safe Transport of Energy Products [STEP]*

The Committee's recommendation includes funding to support the Federal Railroad Administration's efforts to improve the safe transport of energy products. The STEP initiative supports crude oil safety inspectors, crude oil route safety managers, and tank car quality assurance specialists, tank car research, as well as supports increased mileage of a dedicated Automated Track Inspection Program vehicle on routes with energy products traffic.

#### *Lead Hazards*

The bill and accompanying report include a deadline for the implementation of a new regulation that strengthens HUD's blood lead level standard, and a series of reforms and investments to address lead-based paint hazards in HUD-assisted housing and low-income housing in the private sector. The committee includes reforms to current policies, an expansion of HUD's oversight and enforcement capacity, and additional funding for Public Housing Agencies [PHAs] and low-income homeowners to address lead-based paint hazards in the home.

#### *Choice Neighborhoods*

The Committee includes language this year directing that implementation grants may only be awarded to applicants who have previously been awarded planning grants. The Committee believes this will incentivize communities to engage in robust planning efforts before taking on transformation initiatives, while also ensuring the Department awards funds to those proposals that are most likely to result in successful implementation.

#### *HOME Investment Partnerships Program*

The Committee's recommendation for HOME is equal to the budget request, but the budget also proposes to fund a \$10,000,000 Self-Help and Assisted Homeownership Program [SHOP] program out of this account, which the Committee has rejected. The recommendation does not include the requested statutory changes to the HOME program. The Committee encourages the Department to work with the authorizing committee on these statutory changes to the program.

#### *TIGER Grants*

Language is included recognizing inland and land based ports as eligible recipients of this program and directs the Secretary to take into consideration, when selecting recipients, the annual tonnage, existing terminal capacity, and potential economic benefits of improvements to, or expansion of, ports.

#### *FTC Formula Grants*

The Committee included \$9.7 billion for transit formula grants, which is what the administration requested. Programs include: \$4.6 billion for Urbanized Area Formula Grants; \$2.6 billion for State of Good Repair Grants; \$720 million for Bus and Bus Facilities Grants; \$268 million for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individual with Disabilities; and \$199 million for Positive Train Control.

*Marine Highway Infrastructure*

Funding includes \$5 million to the Maritime Administration for Marine Highway Grants (Short Sea Shipping).

**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

<b>PHMSA (in millions)</b>	<b>FY16 Funding</b>	<b>FY17 POTUS Request</b>	<b>FY16 Senate</b>
Operational Expenses	21	23.7	23.2
Hazardous Materials Safety	55.6	68.3	57.6
Pipeline Safety	146.6	174.9	150
Emergency Preparedness Grants	28.3	28.3	28.3

- The report language requires PHMSA to initiate a rulemaking to expand the applicability of comprehensive oil spill response plans to real carriers no later than June 30, 2016 and a final rule no later than December 18, 2016.
- The report language includes pipeline safety funding at the authorized levels under the SAFE PIPES Act (S. 2276) as passed the Senate in March.