

HR 2887

Surface and Air Transportation Programs Extension Act of 2011

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Chamber: House

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Camp, Dave [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Petri, Thomas E. [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]	D · WV		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Sep 13, 2011
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Sep 13, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 13, 2011
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 13, 2011
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 12, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

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## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
<a href="#">112 HR 4276</a>	Related bill	<b>Apr 3, 2012:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.
<a href="#">112 HR 4281</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 30, 2012:</b> Became Public Law No: 112-102.
<a href="#">112 HR 4239</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 29, 2012:</b> On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by voice vote.
<a href="#">112 HR 3800</a>	Related bill	<b>Jan 31, 2012:</b> Became Public Law No: 112-91.
<a href="#">112 S 1525</a>	Related bill	<b>Sep 8, 2011:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 159.
<a href="#">112 S 1387</a>	Related bill	<b>Jul 21, 2011:</b> Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4775-4776)

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House passed version is repeated here.)**

Surface and Air Transportation Programs Extension Act of 2011 - **Title I: Extension of Surface Transportation Programs** - Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2011, Part II - **Subtitle A: Federal-Aid Highways** - (Sec. 111) Continues through March 31, 2012, and authorizes appropriations through that date for, specified federal-aid highway programs under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), and the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Includes among extended funds those for: (1) the surface transportation research, development, and deployment program; (2) training and education; (3) the Bureau of Transportation Statistics; (4) university transportation research; and (5) intelligent transportation systems (ITS) research.

Subjects funding for such programs generally to the same manner of distribution, administration, limitation, and availability for obligation, however, at one-half of the total amount, as funds authorized to be appropriated for such programs and activities out of the Highway Trust Fund for FY2011.

Subjects contract authority, however, between October 1, 2011, and March 31, 2012, for such programs to a specified pro rata limitation on obligations included in any Act making appropriations for FY2012 or a portion of that fiscal year. Waives this obligation limitation, though, for emergency relief and for the equity bonus program.

Extends the allocation of certain transportation program funds to: (1) states for specific programs, including the Interstate and National Highway System program, the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program, the highway safety improvement program, the Surface Transportation program, and the Highway Bridge program; and (2) the territories and Puerto Rico. Prohibits use of program funds for a high-speed MAGLEV system between Las Vegas, Nevada, and Anaheim, California.

(Sec. 112) Authorizes the appropriation of \$196,427,625 from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) for administrative expenses of the federal-aid highway program for the period from October 1, 2011, through March 31, 2012.

**Subtitle B: Extension of Highway Safety Programs** - (Sec. 121) Amends SAFETEA-LU to extend for the same period of time the authorization of appropriations for National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) safety programs, including: (1) highway safety research and development, (2) the occupant protection incentive grant program, (3) the safety belt performance grant program, (4) state traffic safety information system improvements, (5) the alcohol-impaired driving countermeasures incentive grant program, (6) the National Driver Register, (7) the high visibility enforcement program, (8) motorcyclist safety grant program, (9) the child safety and child booster seat safety incentive grant program, and (10) NHTSA administrative expenses.

Authorizes appropriations through FY2012 for: (1) drug-impaired driving enforcement; and (2) older driver safety and law enforcement training.

(Sec. 122) Extends, from October 1, 2011, through March 31, 2012, the authorization of appropriations for Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) programs, including: (1) motor carrier safety grants, (2) FMCSA administrative expenses, (3) commercial driver's license program improvement grants, (4) border enforcement grants, (5) performance and registration information system management grants, (6) commercial vehicle information systems and networks

deployment grants, (7) safety data improvement grants, (8) a set-aside for high priority activities that improve commercial motor vehicle safety and compliance with commercial motor vehicle safety regulations, (9) a set-aside for new entrant motor carrier audit grants, (10) FMCSA and NHTSA outreach and education, (11) the commercial motor vehicle operators grant program, (12) the FMCSA Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee, and (13) the working group for development of practices and procedures to enhance federal-state relations.

(Sec. 123) Extends, from October 1, 2011, through March 31, 2012, the funding for hazardous materials (hazmat) research projects.

Amends the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to continue for the same period the authorized distribution of funds under such Act for coastal wetlands, recreational boating safety, projects under the Clean Vessel Act of 19921, boating infrastructure projects, and the National Outreach and Communications Program.

**Subtitle C: Public Transportation Programs** - (Sec. 131) Extends, from October 1, 2011, through March 31, 2012, the allocation of capital investment grant funds for federal transit programs, including the metropolitan planning program and the state planning and research program.

(Sec. 132) Extends the special rule authority of the Secretary of Transportation (DOT) to award urbanized area formula grants to finance the operating cost of equipment and facilities for use in public transportation in an urbanized area with a population of at least 200,000.

(Sec. 133) Allocates, from October 1, 2011, through March 31, 2012, certain amounts for formula and bus grants and capital investment grants for: (1) certain new fixed guideway capital projects; (2) new fixed guideway ferry systems and extension projects in Alaska and Hawaii; (3) payments to the Denali Commission for docks, waterfront development projects, and related transportation infrastructure; (4) ferry boats or ferry terminal facilities; (5) a set-aside for the national fuel cell bus technology development program; (6) projects in nonurbanized areas; (7) intermodal terminal projects; and (8) bus testing.

(Sec. 134) Extends the apportionment of nonurbanized area formula grants for public transportation on Indian reservations.

(Sec. 135) Extends through FY2012 the apportionment of capital investment grant funds for certain fixed guideway modernization projects.

(Sec. 136) Extends, from October 1, 2011, through March 31, 2012, the authorization appropriations from the HTF Mass Transit Account for: (1) formula and bus grant projects, including allocations for specified projects; (2) capital investment grants; (3) transit research, including allocations for transit cooperative research programs, the National Transit Institute, the university centers program, transportation projects to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the National Technical Assistance Center for senior transportation, and national research programs; and (4) administration expenses.

(Sec. 137) Extends for the same period of time certain SAFETEA-LU programs, including: (1) the contracted paratransit pilot program, (2) the public-private partnership pilot program, (3) project authorizations for final design and construction and preliminary engineering of specified fixed guideway projects, and (4) the elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities pilot program.

Extends certain allocations for national research and technology programs.

**Subtitle D: Highway Trust Fund Extension** - (Sec. 141) Amends the Internal Revenue Code to extend through March 31, 2012, authority for expenditures from: (1) the HTF Highway and Mass Transit accounts, (2) the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, and (3) the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund.

(Sec. 142) Extends through March 31, 2012, excise taxes on: (1) fuel used by certain buses, (2) certain alcohol fuels, (3) gasoline (other than aviation gasoline) and diesel fuel or kerosene, (4) certain heavy trucks and trailers, and (5) tires. Extends the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund tax.

Extends through FY2012 the excise tax on certain heavy vehicles.

Extends through FY2012 the requirement to credit or refund paid floor stocks taxes for unsold tires and taxable fuel.

Extends through March 31, 2012, the exemptions from excise taxes on: (1) certain sales, and (2) motor vehicles used by a state and local government.

Extends the transfer of certain highway excise taxes to the HTF.

Requires the Secretary of Treasury to transfer from the HTF to the Land and Water Conservation Fund amounts equivalent to motorboat fuel taxes collected before April 1, 2012.

**Title II: Extension of Air Transportation Programs** - Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2011, Part V - (Sec. 202)

Extends through January 31, 2012, increased excise taxes on aviation fuels, the excise tax on air transportation of persons and property, and the expenditure authority for the Airport and Airway Trust Fund.

(Sec. 204) Extends through January 31, 2012: (1) the authorization of appropriations for airport planning and development and noise compatibility planning projects (known as airport improvement projects [AIPs]), and (2) the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to make new AIP grants.

(Sec. 205) Extends until February 1, 2012: (1) the pilot program for passenger facility fee authorizations at non-hub airports, and (2) disclosure requirements for large and medium hub airports applying for AIP grants.

Authorizes appropriations to the Secretary through January 31, 2012, to make agreements to provide small community air service assistance to underserved airports.

Directs the Secretary to extend through January 31, 2012, the termination date of insurance coverage for domestic or foreign-flag aircraft. Grants the Secretary discretionary authority to further extend such coverage through April 30, 2012. Extends through April 30, 2012, the authority of the Secretary to limit air carrier liability for claims arising out of acts of terrorism.

Extends through January 31, 2012: (1) grant eligibility for airports located in the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, and Palau; (2) grants to state and local governments for land use compatibility AIPs; and (3) authority for approving an application of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for an airport development grant or for permission to impose a passenger facility fee.

Amends the Vision 100 - Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act to extend through January 31, 2012: (1) the temporary increase to 95% of the federal government's share of certain AIP costs, (2) funding for airport development at Midway Island Airport, and (3) the effective period of final orders of the Secretary regarding the eligibility of small communities for essential air service subsidies.

(Sec. 206) Authorizes appropriations to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for FY2011 and for the period from October 1, 2011, through January 31, 2012, for: (1) FAA operations, (2) air navigation facilities and equipment, and (3) civil aviation research, engineering, and development.

(Sec. 209) Authorizes appropriations out of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund for FY2011 and for the period from October 1, 2011, through January 31, 2012, for the essential air service program.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 16, 2011:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 16, 2011:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 16, 2011:** Signed by President.
- **Sep 16, 2011:** Became Public Law No: 112-30.
- **Sep 15, 2011:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S5666-5669)
- **Sep 15, 2011:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 92 - 6. Record Vote Number: 138.
- **Sep 15, 2011:** Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 92 - 6. Record Vote Number: 138.
- **Sep 14, 2011:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 167.
- **Sep 13, 2011:** Mr. Mica moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 13, 2011:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6106-6119)
- **Sep 13, 2011:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2887.
- **Sep 13, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Sep 13, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Sep 13, 2011:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6106-6111)
- **Sep 13, 2011:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6106-6111)
- **Sep 13, 2011:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 13, 2011:** Received in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **Sep 12, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 12, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.