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Happy Rosh Hashanah!



Have a joyous Rosh Hashanah (a very happy new year)!

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Supervisor Babbott & CSA Present to Surface Transportation Funding Task Force

On September 28, the Surface Transportation Funding Task Force (Task Force) held their second meeting.

Coconino County Supervisor Art Babbott, representing the Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization (FMPO) Executive Board, provided some recommendations for the Task Force to improve transportation funding and financing for the State. Recommendations from FMPO included increasing the state gas tax, exploring public private partnership opportunities, enacting a VMT fee system for alternative vehicles, and developing a dedicated state revenue stream to support public transportation.



CSA Senior Legislative Liaison, Daniel Romm also presented to the committee sharing the importance of enhanced transportation funding and ensuring county HURF funds are protected from future fund sweeps.

Senate Bill 1490, sponsored by Senator Worsley, established the 9-member Task Force to review transportation needs and revenue sources in Arizona and recommend specific revenue proposals for dedicated funding sources for specified transportation-related items.

The Task Force is required to cooperate with the Department of Administration to conduct a statewide study to identify vacant or underused buildings owned by the state that could be sold to provide funding for transportation projects. Additionally, they are required to issue progress reports every three months to the Governor and the Legislature and to submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2016. The Task Force will meet every two weeks and CSA plans to offer a county perspective at an upcoming hearing.

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Congress Passes Stopgap Measure to Fund Federal Government

On Wednesday the U.S. House of Representatives passed a 10-week stopgap spending bill, 342-85, preventing a government shutdown that would have occurred at the end of this week. The Senate had previously voted 72-26 to pass the measure out of their chamber. This temporary stopgap measure will continue funding the federal government, at 2016 levels, until December 9, 2016.

President Obama signed the bill on Thursday.

The measure also includes \$1.1 billion in funding to prevent, prepare and respond to the Zika virus, \$500 million in flood relief for states including Louisiana, and full FY2017 appropriations for military construction and veterans.

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Research Update: Transportation

CSA has recently updated our website. We have included a variety of new research products and reports.

Please click on the links below on our updated [transportation page](#), which includes the following:

- [CSA Transportation Resolution](#)
- [Video of Supervisor Art Babbott testifying on importance of improving transportation funding](#)
- [VLT & HURF](#) distribution charts

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This Week in Arizona History...

On September 25, 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court. Justice O'Connor was nominated by President Ronald Reagan and served until 2006 when she was replaced by Justice Samuel Alito.

O'Connor grew up on a cattle ranch near Duncan, Arizona in Greenlee County. Prior to her appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court, she was an elected official and judge in Arizona serving as the first female Majority Leader in the United States as the Republican leader in the Arizona Senate.



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Upcoming NACo Webinar

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled **State and Local Legal Center (SLLC) Supreme Court Preview on** October 13, 2016 from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (EST).

The webinar will address the cases the Supreme Court has already agreed to decide during its 2016-2017 term that are of interest to state and local government. Guests will include [Misha Tseytlin](#), the Wisconsin Solicitor General, who will argue a takings case this term; [Deepak Gupta](#), [Gupta Wessler](#), who will write an amicus brief for the State and Local Legal Center in a fair housing case; and [Amy Howe](#), a reporter from [SCOTUSblog](#), in a discussion of the most interesting and important cases for state and local government granted so far.

To register for the webinar, please [click here](#).

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