

**Federal
Outlook & Update**

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Welcome

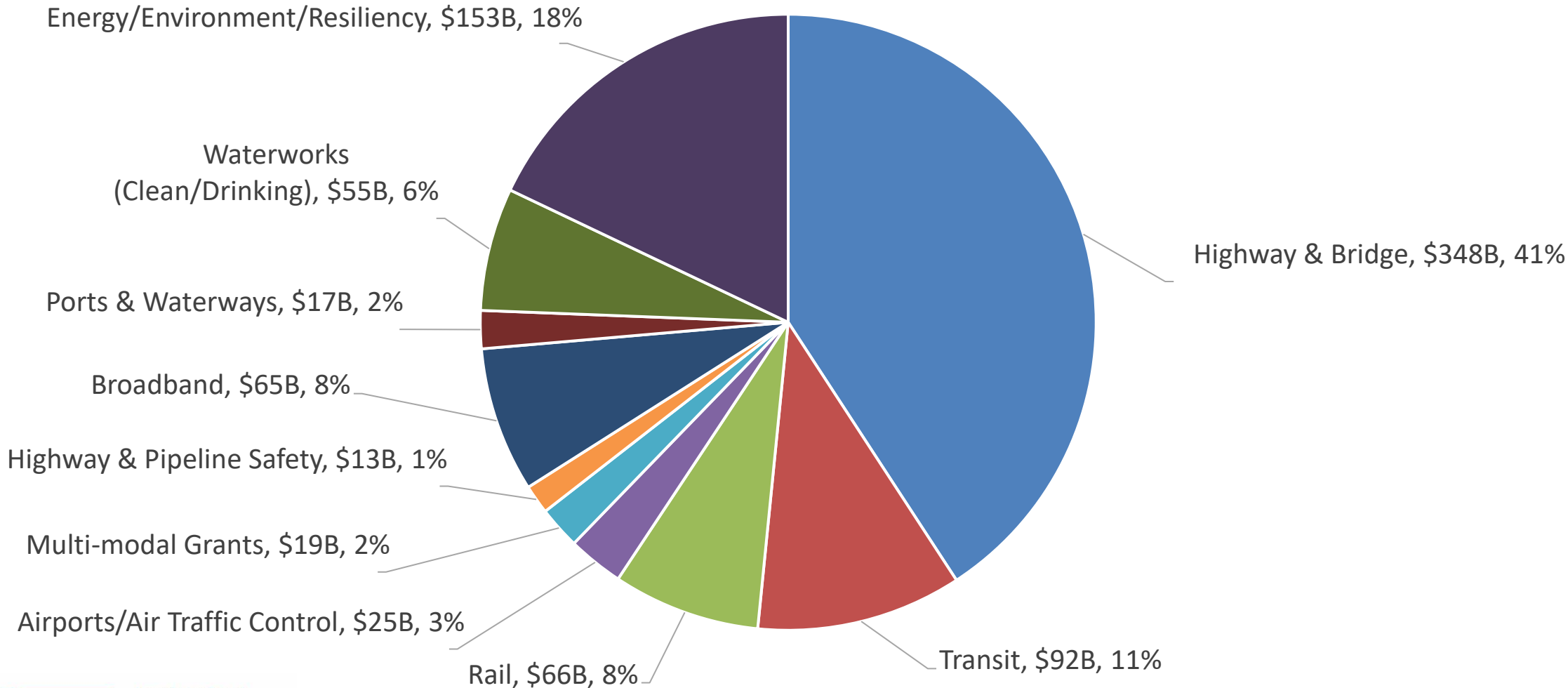
Steve McGough
2021 ARTBA Chairman
HCSS President & CFO



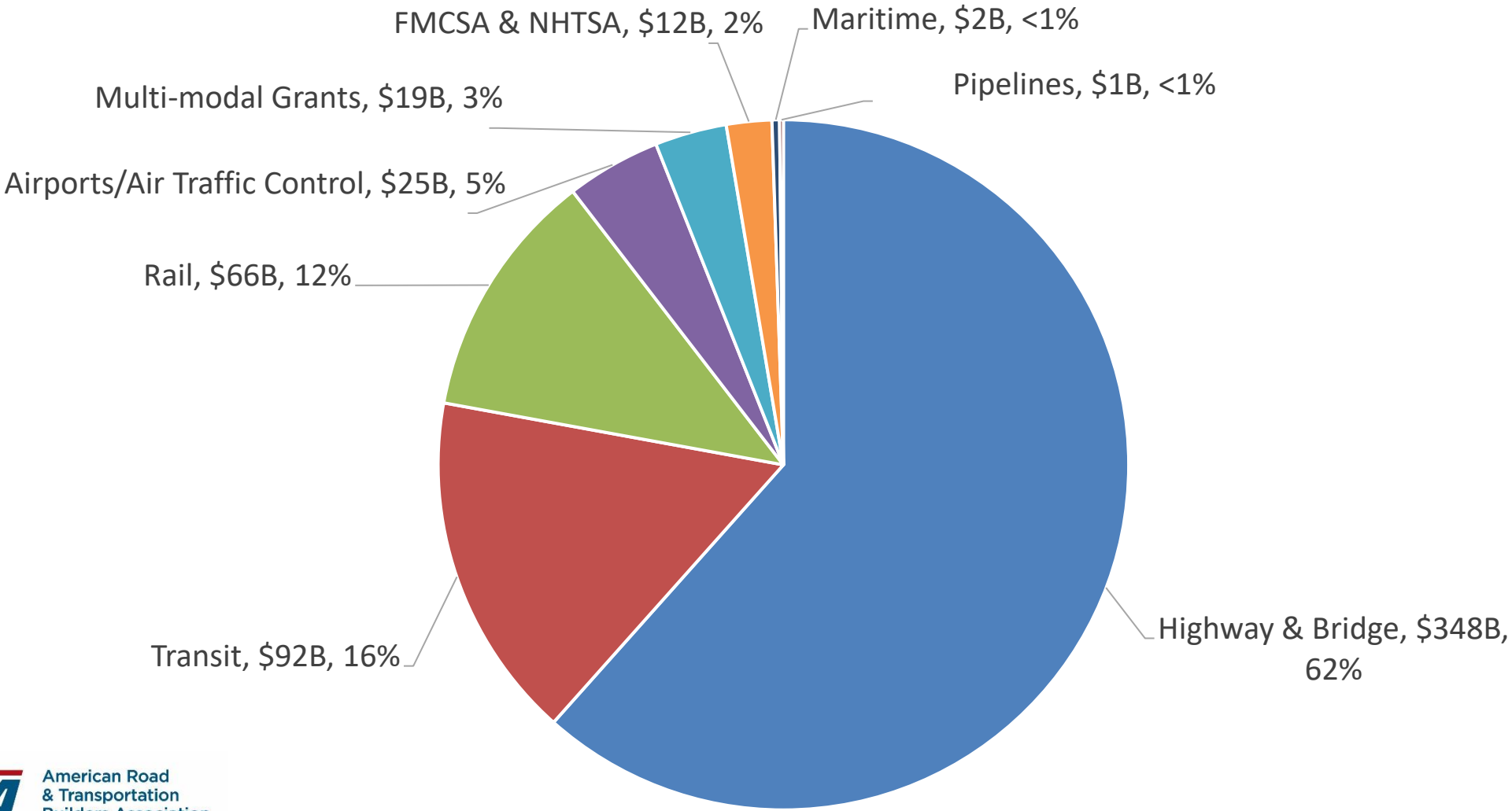
The Last 120 Days

- **March 31:** American Jobs Plan Released
- **May 26:** Senate EPW Committee Passes 5-Year Highway Bill
- **June 10:** House T&I Committee Passes 5-Year Surface Reauthorization Bill
- **June 24:** Biden & Senators Announce Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework
- **July 1:** House Approves INVEST in America Act
- **August 9:** Senate Passes Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA)

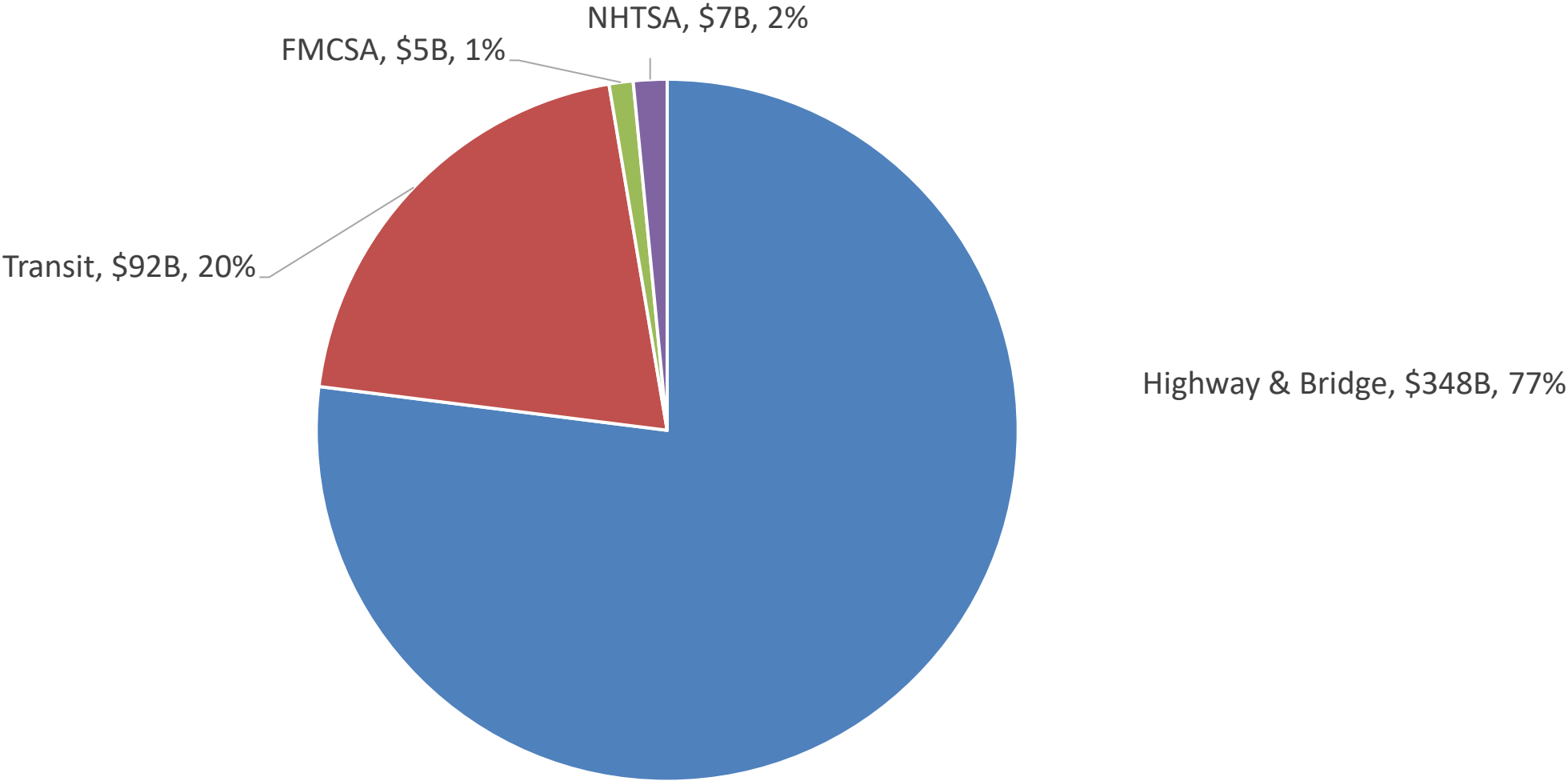
Breakdown of \$853 Billion in Guaranteed Funding in the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act



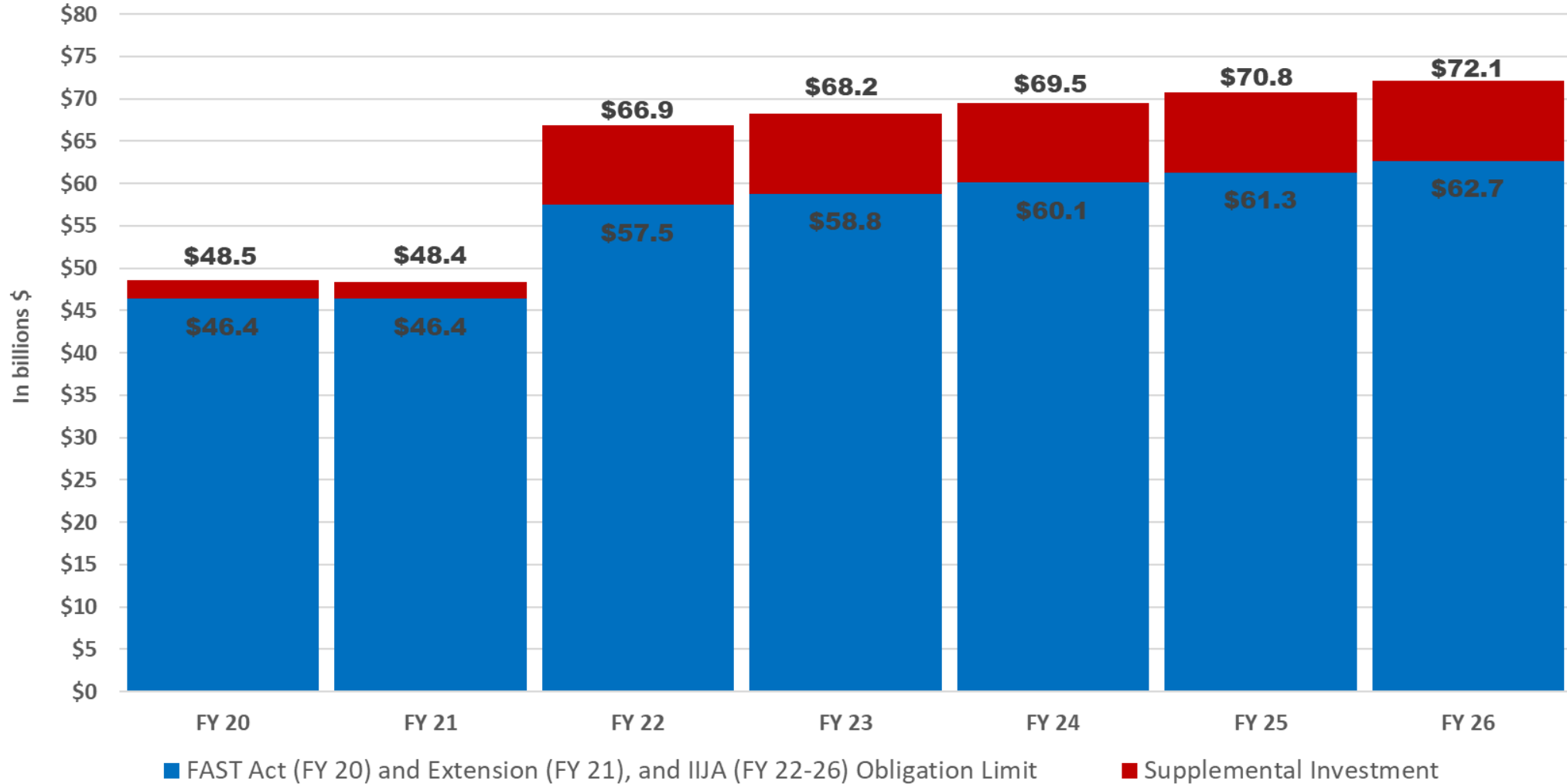
Breakdown of \$565 Billion in U.S. DOT Guaranteed Funding in the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act



Breakdown of \$452 Billion in Core Surface Transportation Reauthorization Plus Supplemental Funding in the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act



Federal Highway Program Obligation Limitation Under FAST Act, IIJA, and Supplemental Investment

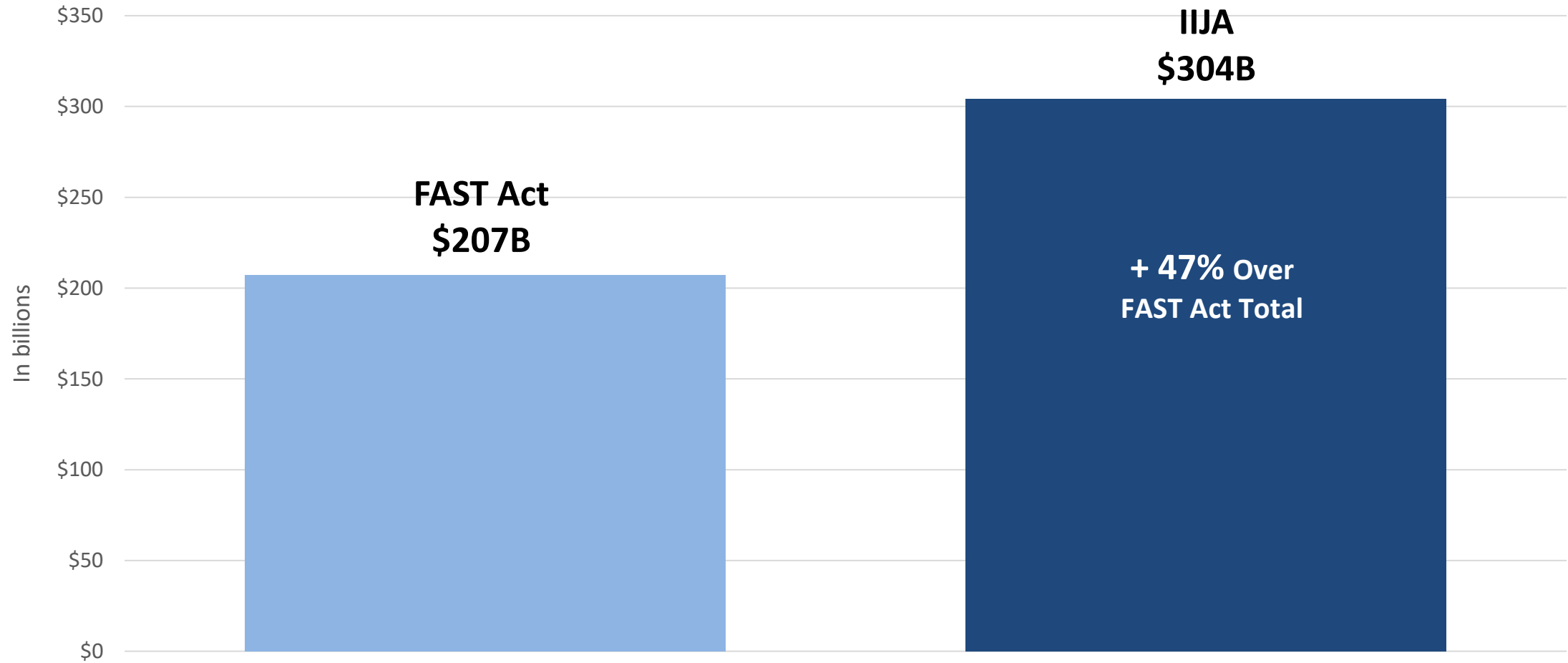


Source: FHWA and Senate Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Surface Reauthorization

- Highway Trust Fund vs. Appropriations
- Formula vs. Discretionary
- New Programs

Highway Formula Funding – FAST Act vs. IIJA Total



Surface Reauthorization

- Highway Trust Fund - \$118 billion transfer
- Transit Capital Grants
- Other General Fund Authorizations Subject to Appropriations
- P3 Policies
- Buy America

One Federal Decision

- Enacts “One Federal Decision” Executive Order
- Multiple environmental documents consolidated into “one decision”
- Goal of two years for completion of environmental reviews
- Authorization decisions 90 days after ROD

NEPA/Permit Process Improvements

- Improvements to NEPA delegation program
 - Participating states reapply every 10 years instead of every 5 years
- Increased use of Categorical Exclusions
 - Raises threshold on projects with limited federal funding
 - Sets deadlines for permit approvals for projects in existing Right of Way
- Annual report on NEPA review process efficiency

Other Permitting & Process Improvements

- Reauthorizes Federal Permit Improvement Steering Council (FPISC)
- Creates U.S. DOT “Interagency Permitting Improvement Center”
- Repeals “fiscal constraint” requirements beyond 4 years

Climate Change

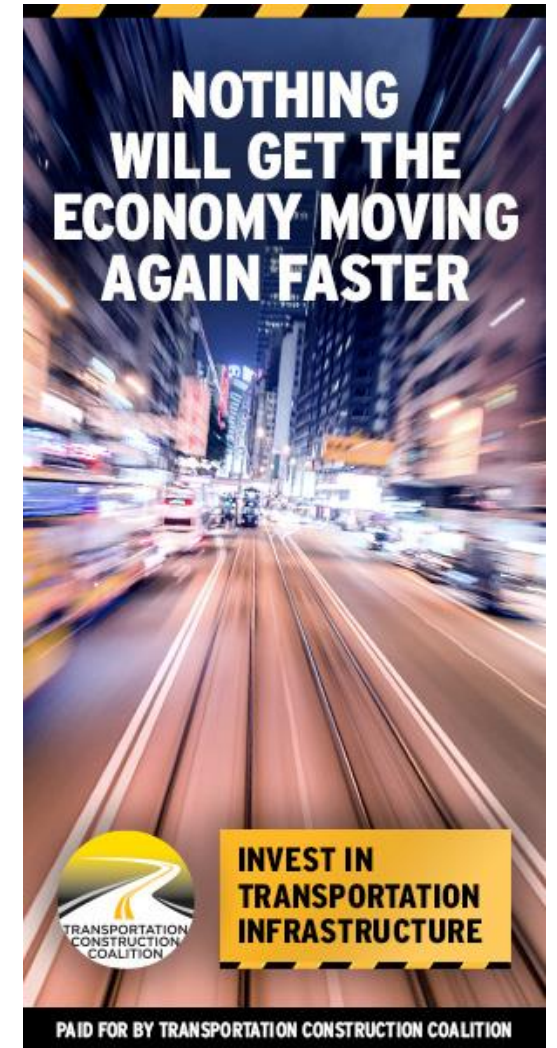
- Grants and Set-Aside Programs
- \$7.9 billion for EV charging stations, idling reduction and port electrification
- Other grant programs focus on resiliency and congestion management
- Carbon Reduction Program (was in ATIA)
 - Set aside funds for reducing transportation emissions
 - Can be used to reduce freight congestion/emissions

Local Hire/Workforce

- Allows states to implement local hire programs
 - Can be geographically or economically based
- U.S. DOT to Provide Congress with a Workforce Report
 - Topics include pre-apprenticeship programs and barriers to employment
- U.S. DOT to create a “model plan” for agencies to address workforce diversity issues
- \$25 million workforce public service campaign

How we got here:

- 3,000 grassroots communications sent to the Senate
- 82 national organizations signed group letter of support
- 22 congressional briefings led by ARTBA and state chapters
- TCC ad campaign throughout July, urging action



Where do we go from here?

- **Aug. 9:** Senate passed IIJA
- **Aug. 23:** House scheduled to return early from August recess
- **Sept. 15:** Committee deadline on \$3.5 trillion budget package
- **Sept. 30:** Expiration of surface transportation reauthorization
- **Sept. 30:** Federal government funding expires

All Eyes on the House

- **Timing for House action on IJA unclear**

“...with today’s passage of a bipartisan infrastructure bill in the Senate, Congress is as close as it has been in years to finally delivering on a big, bold infrastructure package.”

*House Transportation & Infrastructure
Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.)*



Dueling Options in the House

- Speaker Pelosi navigating multiple two-track options:
 - American Jobs Plan vs. American Families Plan
 - Voting up or down on IIJA vs. Amending IIJA
 - Appeasing progressives vs. Appeasing moderates

What comes next:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL artba.org/government-affairs/grassroots-action-center/. The page features a navigation menu with items like 'About', 'Government Affairs', 'Membership', 'Economics', 'Events', 'News', 'Safety Center', 'Store', and 'Member Login'. The main heading is 'Grassroots Action Center'. A sidebar on the left lists categories such as 'Issue Briefs', 'Election Archive', 'Grassroots Action Center', 'Regulatory', 'Legal', 'Transportation Makes America Work', 'Political Action Committee', and 'Press Releases'. The main content area is titled 'Become an advocate for transportation construction!' and includes a sign-up form with fields for Title, Full Name, Address, Zip, Phone, and Email. A red 'Submit' button is at the bottom of the form, along with two checked checkboxes: 'Send me emails about this campaign' and 'Send me text messages about this campaign'.

Government Affairs

Home / Government Affairs / Grassroots Action Center

Become an advocate for transportation construction!

Keeping track of policy movements in Washington is a full-time job. Sign-up for ARTBA's Grassroots Action Network and become part of nearly 5,000 advocates supporting transportation investment in Washington.

As a member, you'll receive periodic updates on what's happening on issues like a surface transportation bill or COVID-19 relief legislation and, more importantly, you'll be given an opportunity to engage your congressional delegation directly to act.

The process is simple, the time commitment is minimal, and the impact of our collective voices is undeniable.

Join the ARTBA Grassroots Action Network today.

Enter your information to sign up

Title * ▼

Full Name *

Address *

Zip * city and state not required

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Q&A

Please enter your questions into the questions box on the Q&A panel.

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