



Advocacy Coffee Break

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Today's Webinar

- **Introduction**

- Joe Aiello, Rail Passengers Field Coordinator

- **Legislative Update**

- Sean Jeans-Gail, Rail Passengers VP of Government Affairs + Policy

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- Mayor John Robert Smith, Transportation for America Chairman

- **A Look Ahead**

- Madi Butler, Rail Passengers Communications Manager



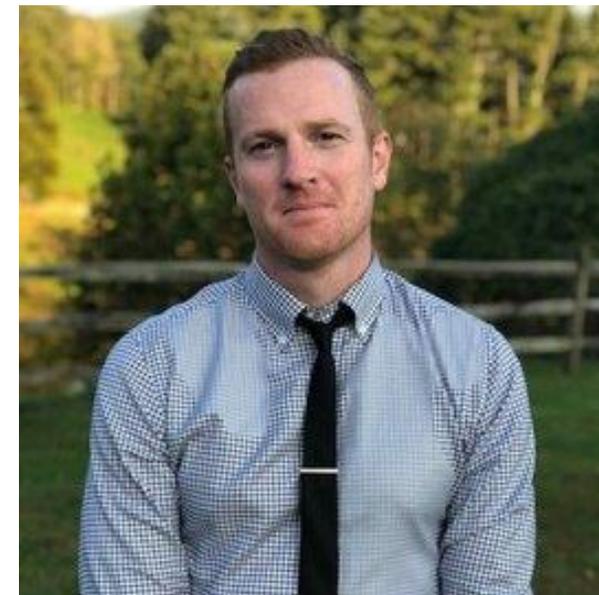


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Legislative Update

Sean Jeans-Gail, Vice President of Gov't Affairs and
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Legislative Update

- House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee passed budget reconciliation with emergency funding for Amtrak and transit:
 - \$1.54 billion for Amtrak
 - Language requiring restoration of long-distance services within 90 days of enactment
 - Bring back all employees furloughed due to COVID-19
 - \$30 billion for mass transit
- Defeated Rep. Perry amendment to strike all Amtrak funding
 - Vote of 43 Nays – 23 Ayes
 - 8 Republicans joined Majority



Legislative Update

- Individual bills head to House Budget Committee for consolidation
 - Vote expected to be a formality
- Senate Budget Committee indicating it will bypass markup of the House bill, send directly to Senate floor
- Democrats targeting final passage ahead of March 14th expiration of U.I.



Legislative Look Ahead

- Biden Administration to reveal infrastructure proposal in coming weeks
- Deadlines for submissions to individual member offices are approaching quickly
- Democratic appropriators making noises about restoring earmarks



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Upcoming Events:

- March 24th - High Speed Rail & the Future of Passenger Rail in America
- April 19-20 – Virtual Day on the Hill
- May (Date TBD) – The Future of Onboard Hospitality