Transportation in 113th Congress

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Politics in Washington
FY 2014 Appropriations

• October 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2013
  – Pass 12 appropriations bills
  – Pass continuing resolution
  – Government shutdown

• Funding Levels
  – Senate: $1,058 billion
  – FY 2013: $986 billion
  – House: $968 billion
Debt Ceiling—October 17th Deadline
Transportation
MAP-21 Reauthorization

MAP-21 expires 9/30/2014
Highway Trust Fund Insolvency

Source: CBO
Arteries are like highways for our blood
Choices

- All revenue options on table
- None: 40% cut
- 10 cents: status quo
- 25-40 cents (NSTPRSC)
Ports-to-Plains Alliance
Messaging

• Transportation is bipartisan

• The national network is a Federal Government responsibility, in partnership with the 50 states
  – NHS: 5.7 % of mileage that carries 55% vmt
  – Federal-aid hwy: <25% mileage carries 80% vmt

• We support a significant increase in investment and are prepared to pay for it as long as it is used to upgrade the NHS, including multi-state rural freight corridors like Ports-to-Plains
Thank You

“Our difficulties and our dangers will not be removed by closing our eyes to them.”

---Winston Churchill

Questions ????