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Senate EPW Committee releases surface transportation bill



The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works [released](#) its version of the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act May 22 and will mark up the bill today.

Click the links for a copy of the [bill text](#), the [section by section summary](#), table of [apportionments](#) and table of [authorizations](#). The spreadsheet files

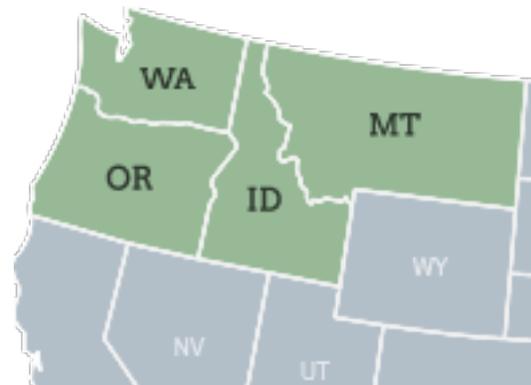
show both the anticipated programmatic funding and State-by-State allocation estimates.

The legislation does not contain provisions outlining funding sources for the programs. The Senate Finance Committee has jurisdiction over fiscal mechanisms for the surface transportation programs. The same is true for the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee's corresponding bill; the House Ways & Means Committee has jurisdiction over the funding sources. At this time, it is not clear whether the Senate Finance Committee or House Ways & Means Committee will take up establishment of funding sources for surface transportation programs.

Previously, the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee [released a plan](#) for the INVEST in America Act as a comprehensive surface transportation plan focused on modernizing roads, bridges, transit, rail and more. It will be introduced and considered later this spring or early summer. The text of the INVEST in America Act is not available yet.

Reminder: RSVP ASAP for Columbia Basin Collaborative workshop

The states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana are collaborating with federal partners, tribes, and interested stakeholders to define the Columbia Basin Collaborative, a future collaborative framework to rebuild salmon and steelhead stocks and advance the goals of the Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force. This has sometimes been referred to as the *four-state solution* or *four governors' process*.



The **CBC Organizational Workshop Part 2 will be held Thursday, June 10** from 12 to 4 p.m. PDT via Zoom webinar.

Representatives from the four states have considered the input offered at the February 24 workshop and have developed a collaborative framework and approach for moving forward. At the June 10 workshop, they will share information regarding:

- The CBC process structure including a high-level process diagram and proposed charter
- Topics to address and seating the various groups and teams
- Next steps including workflow, timing, and funding

The meeting facilitators look forward to hearing your input and feedback at the June 10 workshop, along with learning about how you would like to engage in the process.

Please RSVP by close of business Thursday, May 27 via this [Zoom registration link](#) to help with planning and logistics for the webinar meeting. Registration is required. The Zoom webinar information will be sent to you once you register, and available materials will be provided closer to the meeting date.

In addition, please scan through the attached [CBC interested persons list](#) and [let the meeting facilitators know](#) if you would like to add any additional names to the list.

Feel free to forward this information to anyone else you think would like to participate. Please remind them to RSVP.

For more information on the Columbia Basin Collaborative, please visit the [Idaho hosted webpage](#). For any specific questions regarding the goals and objectives of the CBC, please contact: [Mike Edmondson](#) (Idaho), [Guy Norman](#) (Washington), [Jim McKenna](#) (Oregon), or [Mike Milburn](#) (Montana) in advance of the workshop. Feel free to contact [Samantha Meysohn](#) with any questions regarding the workshop logistics. Please reach out to [Deb Nudelman](#) with any questions regarding process.

Congratulations WPPA award winners



We would like to congratulate these member ports for earning 2021 Washington Public Ports Association awards:

Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority
Port of the Year

Port of Bremerton
Job Creator of the Year

Port of Everett
Community Outreach

Port of Tacoma
Environmental Stewardship

Port of Grays Harbor
Creative Partnership

Read more about each of these ports' award-winning initiatives on WPPA's [The Manifest Blog](#).

Latest River Values social media post draws 10,500 views

Over 10,500 people saw the [latest social media post](#) in support of our member-funded "River Values" Columbia Snake River System digital marketing campaign.

The May 18 tweet targeted environmentally conscious political moderates in Washington, DC and our region's state capitals. About 4,700 people in the DC area saw our message, along with 3,400 in the Seattle-Tacoma area and 1,700 in the Portland metro area.

The tweet prompted 28 people to visit the [campaign's new website](#) for more information.

Your contribution will help continue this campaign through 2021 and beyond, ensuring a Columbia Snake River System that supports clean energy, efficient and cost-effective transportation, critical water for high-value crops, job retention and creation, and a brighter future for us all. Please [contact PNWA Communications Director Scott Clemans](#) for more information and to get involved.

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Breaching the Snake River dams is an oversimplified proposal that would impact the fight against climate change and economic injustice. Our environmental and social challenges are complex, and they require complex solutions. Know the facts: rivervalues.com



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