

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

10:00 – 12:00 p.m.

[Pritchard Community Center](#)

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Summary

- I. Call to order 10:08 EST by Leslie Elmore.
- II. Determination of a Quorum
- III. Welcome Attendees and Self-Introductions
 - a. Call to order 10:08 EST by Leslie Elmore.
 - b. Introductions of those in attendance
- IV. The Consent Agenda was approved.
- V. Chad LaRue of the Kentucky Association of Highway Contractors discussed the political realities of a funding bill and infrastructure plan. He spoke on the Kentucky legislature [HB 609](#) sponsored by Sal Santoro and John Sims Jr. – The Bill could infuse \$268 million into infrastructure. However, the Cabinet identified needs at just under \$500 million. There is a push to lobby for more. House bill raises gas tax \$0.10 and indexed. \$0.10 would generate an additional \$300 million per year. Senate says it may go for \$0.05. Governor Matt Bevin wants House to be brave on taxes. Not just sin taxes. A comprehensive tax reform is needed.
- VI. The ATSSA Update, provided by Angel Ramos, encouraged member engagement with [ATSSA National committees and councils](#); alerted the membership of upcoming events to the [Fly-in \(Wash, D.C.\)](#); [National Work Zone Awareness Week](#); [Midyear \(Williamsburg, Va.\)](#); and [Expo \(Tampa, Fla.\)](#) Further, he referenced ATSSA's initiative alerting the public with our [New Case Study on Guardrails](#). Locally, he provided news from Ashley Wieland, who monitors State legislative progresses - In particular, [Kentucky's HB 45](#): A user fee initiative capturing \$50 - \$150 annually from electric and hybrids vehicles. And finally, he alerted us on the availability of information by Eric Perry, PE, ATSSA National's new Senior Technical Advisor.

- VII. Thomas Nelson of the FHWA gave a presentation on [Pres. Trump's Infrastructure proposal](#). In it, he detailed:
- a. Key Principles:
 - 1) Stimulate \$1.5 Trillion over 10 years
 - 2) Shorten approval process to 2 years or less
 - 3) Address unmet rural needs
 - 4) Empower State and local authorities
 - 5) Train American workforce for the future
 - b. Purposes of Program
 - 1) Attract new non-Federal revenue streams
 - 2) Create significant leverage of existing Federal dollars
 - 3) Assure long term performance of investment
 - 4) Modern infrastructure project delivery process
 - i. Looking at other countries' models
 - 5) Purpose of Program
 - i. Increase economic growth
 - ii. Spur development and use of technology
 - iii. Ensure Federal grant recipients are accountable for achieving specific measurable milestones.
 - iv. Infrastructure across the board. Broadband, rail, airports, surface, etc.
 - c. Funding for Plan
 - 1) \$100 Billion will be made available for incentives programs. Divided DOT, USACE and EPA
 - i. Applications evaluated
 - ii. Program will create accountability - Makes Federal funding conditional with milestones
 - 2) \$20 Billion dedicated to Transformative Projects
 - i. Bold/innovate projects-real potential
 - ii. Program will focus on projects that would have significant impact on States and localities where private funding might not be interested
 - 3) Another \$20 Billion to expand infrastructure financing programs
 - i. \$14 Billion to expand existing credit programs
 - i. EIFIA, WIFIA, RRIF, and rural utility lending
 - ii. \$6 Billion to expand Private Activity Bond
 - iii. \$10 Billion for Federal Capital Financing Fund-reduce inefficient leasing on Federal real property.
 - 4) \$50 Billion for Rural Infrastructure Program
 - i. 80% to Governors of qualifying states
 - ii. 20% reserved for rural performance grants
 - iii. Funds made available via block grants to populations < 50,000
 - iv. Expand rural economic opportunity and potential investment
 - v. Enhance regional connectivity

- d. Transportation
 - 1) Financing
 - i. Tolling
 - 1) Give states flexibility to toll interstates and reinvest in other infrastructure
 - 2) Review grandfathered provisions on tolls to allow flexibility
 - ii. Flexibility to commercialize interstate rest areas (like Chicago)
 - 1) Federal Law currently prohibits
 - 2) Limits infrastructure investment opportunities
 - iii. Provide new flexibility for Transportation Projects with De Minimis Federal Share
 - 1) State Infrastructure Banks
 - 2) Underutilization can inhibit state and local Govts from best directing Federal Funds to projects
 - iv. Highways-Streamlining
 - 1) Authorize Federal Land Management to utilize contracting methods
 - 2) Raise cost threshold for Major Project Requirements to \$1 Billion
 - 3) Authorize utility relocations
 - 4) Authorize repayment.
 - e. Establish a streamlined approval process. "One Agency, One Decision"
 - f. Reduce inefficiencies in Enviro Review
 - g. Address to Education and Workforce Dev Programs
 - 1) Expand Pell Grant eligibility to high quality short term programs
 - 2) Reform career and tech education
 - 3) Strengthen ties to workforce for college students
 - h. Private sources of funding are VERY interested in stepping up.
- VIII. Open Discussion All
 - a. Subsidize or sponsor training for members/DOT's
 - 1) Angel - [FHWA Grant](#): Provide state employees training at no cost to them.
 - 2) Angel - [ATSSA Corporate Training Program](#): Chapter can help with private members training fees.
 - 3) To be discussed: Chapter budget line item for events such as Fly-In scholarships for first time members
 - b. Begin process of identifying DOT candidates for 2019 Expo Scholarships
- IX. Date and Location of Next Meeting – June 13, 2018 at [Buffalo Trace](#). 10 a.m. to Noon.
Lunch will be catered.
- X. Adjourn Meeting 12:08 p.m.