

Federal and State Government Relations Update

American Traffic Safety Services Association

**Presentation to NYNJ Chapter
November 8, 2017**



Trump Administration

- Trump Administration committed to infrastructure package
- However other “must-do” & extra curricular items may take precedence:
 - Filling out sub-Cabinet positions
 - **Obamacare replacement work – what’s next?**
 - Debt ceiling increase in fall
 - Appropriations
 - **Tax reform**
 - Foreign relations: North Korea, Syria
- Tax reform is critical, because that will most likely pave way for infrastructure package

Tax Reform

- House Ways and Means Committee released its tax reform legislation last week which does not include any money for the White House's infrastructure plan nor does it include a revenue solution for the Highway Trust Fund. The revenue solution is critical because when the current highway bill, FAST Act, expires in 2020, Congress will need to find more than \$100 billion in new money in order to enact another long-term transportation authorization. In ATSSA's opinion, the best way to accomplish that is to include it in a tax reform package. It's important to note that this is the start of this process, not the end, and we are continuing to fight for this revenue.
- The Senate Finance Committee is expected to release its version of tax reform next week. So more details may be emerging there.

Trump Infrastructure Package

- The White House and Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW) continue to work on an infrastructure package, although their concepts are quite different from each other. The EPW Committee is looking to plus up funding for the core federal aid highway programs, including HSIP, and extend the FAST Act by 2 years. The White House is looking to create a new program altogether.
- The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is waiting to see what the White House releases before diving head into crafting legislation.
- Nate and ATSSA Chair Deb Ricker attended an infrastructure meeting with stakeholders and White House staff at the White House in early October to talk infrastructure and roadway safety.

Trump Infrastructure Package

- Definition of infrastructure is unclear
 - Roads and bridges
 - Transit
 - Schools
 - Broadband/WiFi
 - Seaports and airports
 - Rail
 - Energy grid
 - Housing
 - VA hospitals

State GR Program Goals

Advocate on behalf of ATSSA members
before state legislators

Educate legislators on issues of importance
to ATSSA members and the roadway safety
industry

Foster strong relationships and serve as a
resource for legislators

Member Benefits

Status reports on pending and passed state legislation of importance to ATSSA members

Analysis of significant pending and passed state legislation and its impact on your business

Opportunities for interactions between ATSSA members and legislators at state capitols, ATSSA member facilities, project sites, etc.

State Legislative Reports



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ATSSA State Legislative Report

This report is provided to ATSSA members in an effort to keep them updated on relevant legislation that is being introduced in their respective state legislatures. ATSSA will publish state legislative tracking reports every two weeks in the Roadway Safety Advocate as a part of our new state government relations program. Please click [here](#) to view the most recent report.

Each bill number is hyperlinked to a summary page where you can view more information on the bill, including bill text. Questions? Please contact Ashley Wieland at ashley.wieland@atssa.com.

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NY and NJ state bills (2017 session)

- NJ – 1 bill
 - A 5082: This bill would establish a pilot program for automated speed enforcement in work zones (introduced)
- NY — 18 bills
 - S 3137, A 6921 and A 6761: This bill would require the NYDOT and other groups in Nassau and Suffolk to conduct a study to evaluate the configuration of entrance and exit ramps, and signage at entrance ways and exits on the Southern State Parkway in Nassau and Suffolk Counties to determine whether adequate safety measures exist to prevent collisions and the instance of wrong way drivers.
 - A 7164: This bill would establish the crimes of vehicular assault and vehicular manslaughter in an active work zone and intrusion into an active work zone.
 - S 4928: This bill would require a study on the performance of the state's roadways in reducing the risk of motor vehicles departing the travel lane and overturning, or colliding with fixed objects.

Opportunities for NYNJ chapter to engage with state legislature

- Advocacy Day
 - Target meetings:
 - Constituent legislators
 - Leaders of the House and Senate Transportation Committees
 - Purpose of meetings:
 - introduction to ATSSA and what members in NYNJ are doing to make roads safer and save lives.
 - Look at bills introduced next session and take positions.
- Invite legislators to speak at chapter meetings
 - Meetings would likely have to be near the capitol and while in session
- Site visits to ATSSA member company facilities
- Opportunity to support or oppose legislation via letter writing campaigns, calls-to-action, briefings, state advocacy days, etc.

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Criteria for ATSSA chapters to conduct state advocacy day

- Chapter able to contribute funds for briefings/fly-ins
 - Previous GR expertise/Active legislative liaison
- A single state chapter, not a regional chapter
- States that are trend leaders on issues or having a national issue
- Chapters which are willing to be volunteers
- Look at states with highest fatality numbers
- Chapters with broad support for ATSSA PAC
- Interest in a possible state PAC one day
 - Willingness to do a state capitol day/fly-in
- Chapters with members who have hosted state legislator visits
- Chapters who are willing to have/or have had state legislator speakers

Questions?

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