

**Fiscal Year 2001 Transportation Appropriations Conference Report  
Analysis & Review**

**By the Numbers (General Purpose Discretionary Spending):**

Fiscal Year 2000:	\$14,249,730
Request:	\$15,375,737
House::	\$14,988,944
Senate:	\$14,536,300
<b>Conference Report:</b>	<b>\$17,727,649</b>

**The Conference Report is \$3.5 billion or 24.4% above last year, \$2.4 billion or 15.3% above the request, \$2.7 billion or 18.3% above the House passed level, and \$3.2 billion or 22% above the Senate passed level.**

The bill includes \$5 billion for public debt reduction (not reflected in the above numbers).

**Treasury Postal** — The bill includes an additional \$348.4 million for TPO (the vast majority of the increase, \$220.7 million, is for the IRS) in the Transportation bill. This will take TPO funding up to \$15.9 billion for a one-year increase of \$2.2 billion or 16.1%.

**Funding Highlights:**

The bill includes \$1.37 billion for new highway projects not included in the House or Senate bill. The money is spread all over the country, but below are some of the larger allocations:

- \$100 million — Appalachian Highway System, West Virginia
- \$100 million — Corridor X, Alabama
- \$50 million Glenn Highway, Alaska
- \$94 million — I-49, Arkansas
- \$100 million — Greenville, Mississippi

The bill includes \$600 million for the **Wilson Bridge** (Virginia & Maryland) provided that one of the jurisdictions takes all title and interest to the bridge.

The bill makes some changes to the fixed guideway (mass transit) funding authorizations in current law, the bill then allocates any increase in future obligations of the federal Government resulting from this authorization change as follows:

\$269.1 million Chicago commuter rail  
 \$565.6 million Chicago Transit Authority  
 CATs staff is not certain how this will impact total spending under current law.

The bill includes \$ 1 million for Valley Trains and Tours which operates in Virginia.

*In Thousands of Dollars*

	<b>FY '00</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Conference Report</b>
Department Administration	60,582	62,109	63,245
Planning & Research	3,290	3,300	11,000
Office of Civil Rights	7,200	8,140	8,140
Minority Business Outreach	2,900	3,000	3,000
Coast Guard	4,022,053	4,616,506	4,518,895
Rhode Island Rail	10,000	17,000	17,000
Alaska Railroad	10,000	0	20,000
<b>West Virginia Railroad</b>	0	0	15,000
<b>Appalachian Development Highway System</b>	0	0	54,963
Amtrack	571,000	521,476	521,476
Amtrack Reform Council	750	980	750
Inspector General	44,670	48,050	48,450

**Language of Interest:**

Requires states to adopt a **.08 blood alcohol law** and provides highway sanctions beginning in fiscal year 2004. Reductions in highway funds of 2 percent per year would be phased in, not to exceed 8 percent, for those states that are in noncompliance.

Retains prohibition on new CAFE standards.

Codifies a recent agreement with Massachusetts officials and the Federal Highway Administration which limits federal financial participation in the “Big Dig” to \$8.5 billion, and The project, first estimated to cost \$2.5 billion in fiscal year 1985, is now estimated to top \$13.1 billion.

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