

112th ACEC Congressional Scorecard

House Descriptions

HOUSE ACTIONS

1. **MAP-21** -- Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (H.R. 4348), [Roll Call #451](#). Final passage of conference report of two-year highway and transit program reauthorization bill with stable funding and ACEC-backed project delivery reforms. Passed 373-52. ACEC Position: Support
2. **Airport Projects Funding** -- FAA Modernization and Reform Act (H.R. 658), [Roll Call #33](#). Final passage of conference report of four-year aviation bill, including stable funding for airport improvement projects and endorsement of QBS on PFC-funded projects. Passed 248-169. ACEC position: Support
3. **Protect Transportation Funding** -- Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 4348 (Rep. Paul Broun), [Roll Call #378](#). Would have required the House conferees to insist that funding out of the Highway Trust Fund for highway and transit programs not exceed \$37.5 billion for fiscal year 2013, a 22% cut below current levels. Rejected 82-323. ACEC position: Oppose
4. **Extend Current Tax Rates** -- HR 8, the Job Protection and Recession Prevention Act of 2012, [Roll Call #545](#). HR 8 extends the 2001/2003 tax cuts for one year, and establishes an expedited process for tax reform. Passed 256-171. ACEC position: Support
5. **STEM Visas** -- HR 6429, the STEM Jobs Act of 2012, [Roll Call #590](#). HR 6429 eliminates the diversity visa program and allocates those visas to individuals with Ph.D.'s or master's degrees in STEM fields. Failed to pass on suspension, 257-158. ACEC position: Support
6. **Export Finance Assistance** -- HR 2072 (PL 112-122), the Export-Import Bank Reauthorization Act, [Roll Call Vote 224](#), which extended authority to 2014 and raised the loan limit to \$140 billion. Passed 330-93. ACEC position: Support
7. **Water Infrastructure** -- Co-sponsorship of H.R. 3145, which includes a WIFIA proposal that serves as a supplement to the state capitalization grant for the revolving loan program. The scope of the program and its existing eligibilities would remain intact, and states would be able to borrow directly or obtain loan guarantees from the U.S. Treasury. ACEC position: Support Co-sponsorship

8. ***Keystone XL Pipeline*** -- House passage of H.R. 1938, which directs the President to coordinate the construction and operation of the Keystone XL pipeline. Passed 279-147 ([Roll Call #650](#)). ACEC position: Support
9. ***Tax Credits for Wind*** – Co-sponsorship of H.R. 3307, which extends the production tax credit through 2016 for alternative or renewable energy facilities. ACEC position: Support Co-sponsorship
10. ***Bonding for Water Projects*** – HR 1802, the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Investment Act, would exempt water and wastewater projects from the state volume cap on private activity bonds and significantly expanding the availability of low-cost financing for water infrastructure projects. ACEC Position: Support Co-sponsorship of HR 1802.
11. ***3% Withholding Repeal*** – House passage of HR 674, legislation to repeal the withholding mandate, which was scheduled to take effect January 1, 2013 and would have withheld 3% from all federal and state contracts, as well as contracts from counties and municipalities that purchase at least \$100 million a year in goods and services. The House passed HR 674 by a vote of 405-16 ([Roll Call #815](#)). ACEC Position: Support passage of HR 674.
12. ***1099 Filing Mandate Repeal*** – House passage of HR 4, legislation to repeal a new mandate included in the health care reform law that would significantly expand the number of IRS Form 1099 filings. The House passed HR 4 by a vote of 314-112 ([Roll Call #162](#)). ACEC Position: Support passage of HR 4.
13. ***Funding Guarantees for Highways and Transit*** – the House-passed Rules package, which amended the operating procedures in the House, included a provision that eliminated funding guarantees that apply to the Highway Trust Fund to ensure that all revenues are used solely to support transportation projects. The Rules package was approved on a party-line vote of 238-191 ([Roll Call #6](#)). ACEC Position: Opposed to passage of the House Rules package.
14. ***House Budget Resolution*** – included significant cuts to various infrastructure programs, including a 34% reduction in surface transportation spending and a prohibition on new revenues. Passed the House on a party line vote of 235-193 ([Roll Call #277](#)). ACEC Position: Opposed to passage of the Budget Resolution.