



# SCWA Legislative Update

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## DOL Targets Proposed Rule on OT Exemptions for October

The Federal Government recently released the biannual regulatory agenda, in which DOL targets October 2022 for release of a proposed rule on overtime pay exemptions.

Small business owners are disappointed that DOL plans to move forward with the proposed rule despite the current economic conditions and will be exploring avenues for advocacy, including legislation or appropriations riders that delay the rule.



## House Transportation Appropriations Mark-up

On Thursday, June 30 the House Appropriations Committee voted out of committee the FY 2023 transportation-housing appropriations bill.

The bill includes \$1.75 billion for highways above-authorized levels, even though the Administration recommended no highway funding above authorizations. Now the focus moves to the House floor and the Senate. In the Senate, Appropriations Chairman Leahy (D-VT) has announced an intention to mark up bills in July. Many small business groups are urging inclusion of strong funding for highways above-authorized levels.

Link to the bill as ordered and reported by the House Committee (exclusive of any minor last-minute amendments)

here: <https://docs.house.gov/meetings/AP/AP00/20220630/114968/BILLS-117-FC-AP-FY2023-AP00-THUD.pdf>



## House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Focuses on Roadway Safety

The House T&I Committee hosted a hearing on the importance of roadway safety and specific programs and policies included in the IIJA bill passed last fall. The hearing included discussion by Members of Congress and witnesses on the seriousness of the roadway safety crisis and how it should be addressed, including:

- The importance of lowering car speeds as a primary method for improving road safety

- The historic prioritization of vehicles on roadways rather than as a shared space for pedestrians and bicyclists
- The need for states and locales to have flexibility in how they invest Federal safety funding as the needs of urban areas will not be the same as rural communities, along with ensuring the flow of freight.



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