President Trump signed into law the continuing resolution (CR) that will provide funding for federal agencies through midnight on December 20. The bill also repeals the $7.6 billion cut in highway contract authority that had been scheduled for July 1, 2020. There was a strong sense of urgency to repeal the rescission this year, because of the budgetary impact in 2020 - the last year of the funding provided by the FAST Act. Repealing the rescission doesn’t just increase net federal funding by $7.6 billion in FY 2020, it also would have the effect of adjusting the baseline for all subsequent years, increasing funding over the ten-year FY 2020-2029 period by $75.7 billion. So, repealing the rescission next year would have been an even heavier lift.