

3/27/2020 - Congress Passes and President Trump Signs Stimulus Bill

Earlier this week, the Senate unanimously passed the CARES Act ([H.R. 748](#)). This afternoon, the House passed and the President signed the bill enacting it into law. The \$2.3 trillion package will provide relief in response to the physical and economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

The CARES Act does not include funding for highways like the 2008 ARRA did. There is strong speculation that a PHASE 4 stimulus will be crafted to address other infrastructure not included in PHASE 3. States and local governments have all requested funding for the loss of revenues from fuel taxes and sales taxes that are invested in transportation.

As discussions begin regarding PHASE 4, AMPO and its partners will strongly advocate for the priorities as described in our [letter](#).

We are also working with the USDOT to provide some administrative relief that may be needed in order to avoid non-compliance with regulations, such as public meetings or policy board meetings.

As impacts of the coronavirus continue to be felt, please let us know how your MPO is being impacted and what could potentially be done to provide relief.

AMPO will continue to provide updates. If you have any questions about our letter or otherwise please feel free to [contact AMPO](#) staff at any time.