

A "Baseline" 5-Year Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill

The Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act (BBEDCA) sets strict rules as to how OMB and CBO must construct budget baselines. Rather than enforce that statutory (zero-growth) baseline, the Senate Budget Committee allowed the Environment and Public Works Committee to use an inflation-adjusted baseline when drafting the MAP-21 and FAST bills. This is what a five-year reauthorization bill would look like at several different baseline levels (statutory BBEDCA, fixing the July 2020 highway rescission, and fixing the rescission plus adding annual inflation increases (the MAP-21 style)).

Millions of dollars of budget authority per federal fiscal year.

	FY 2019 <u>FAST Act</u>	FY 2020 <u>FAST Act</u>	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	<u>5-Year</u>
			-----5-Year Reauthorization Bill-----					
<u>Federal-Aid Highways Contract Authority Subject to Limitation</u>								
BBEDCA Baseline (As Enacted, Flat-Lined After)	45,268.6	38,796.1	38,796.1	38,796.1	38,796.1	38,796.1	38,796.1	193,980.5
<i>Restore July 1 2020 Rescission</i>		+7,569.0	+7,569.0	+7,569.0	+7,569.0	+7,569.0	+7,569.0	+37,845.0
BBEDCA (Flat-Line) Baseline w/o Rescission	45,268.6	46,365.1	46,365.1	46,365.1	46,365.1	46,365.1	46,365.1	231,825.5
<i>Inflate w/ CBO May 2019 Ob. Limit Inflation</i>			+962.8	+1,925.5	+2,934.5	+3,987.6	+5,040.7	+14,851.0
Inflation-Adjusted "MAP-21 Style" Baseline	45,268.6	46,365.1	47,327.9	48,290.6	49,299.6	50,352.7	51,405.8	246,676.5
<u>Federal-Aid Highways Contract Authority Exempt from Limitation</u>								
BBEDCA Baseline	739.0	739.0	739.0	739.0	739.0	739.0	739.0	3,695.0
Total Federal-Aid Highways C.A. Under Inflation-Adjusted Baseline, With Rescission Restoration	46,007.6	47,104.1	48,066.9	49,029.6	50,038.6	51,091.7	52,144.8	250,371.5
<u>Mass Transit Contract Authority</u>								
BBEDCA (Flat-Line) Baseline	9,939.4	10,150.3	10,150.3	10,150.3	10,150.3	10,150.3	10,150.3	50,751.5
<i>Inflate w/ CBO May 2019 Ob. Limit Inflation</i>			+208.3	+417.5	+636.8	+865.0	+1,094.3	+3,221.9
Inflation-Adjusted Mass Transit C.A. Baseline	9,939.4	10,150.3	10,358.6	10,567.8	10,787.1	11,015.3	11,244.6	53,973.4
<u>NHTSA Contract Authority</u>								
BBEDCA (Flat-Line) Baseline	762.3	778.3	778.3	778.3	778.3	778.3	778.3	3,891.6
<i>Inflate w/ CBO May 2019 Ob. Limit Inflation</i>			+17.0	+35.0	+51.0	+70.0	+88.0	+261.0
Inflation-Adjusted NHTSA C.A. Baseline	762.3	778.3	795.3	813.3	829.3	848.3	866.3	4,152.5
<u>FMCSA Contract Authority</u>								
BBEDCA (Flat-Line) Baseline	665.8	675.8	675.8	675.8	675.8	675.8	675.8	3,379.0
<i>Inflate w/ CBO May 2019 Ob. Limit Inflation</i>			+17.7	+35.5	+53.2	+71.9	+90.6	+268.9
Inflation-Adjusted FMCSA C.A. Baseline	665.8	675.8	693.5	711.3	729.0	747.7	766.4	3,647.9
<u>TOTAL HIGHWAY TRUST FUND CONTRACT AUTHORITY</u>								
BBEDCA (Net, Flat-Line) Baseline	57,375.1	51,139.5	51,139.5	51,139.5	51,139.5	51,139.5	51,139.5	255,697.6
<i>Restore July 1, 2020 Highway Rescission</i>		+7,569.0	+7,569.0	+7,569.0	+7,569.0	+7,569.0	+7,569.0	+37,845.0
BBEDCA Baseline With Rescission Restoration	57,375.1	58,708.5	58,708.5	58,708.5	58,708.5	58,708.5	58,708.5	293,542.6
<i>Add Annual Inflation Adjustments</i>			+1,205.7	+2,413.5	+3,675.4	+4,994.5	+6,313.6	+18,602.8
Inflation-Adjusted Baseline w/ Rescission Fix	57,375.1	58,708.5	59,914.2	61,122.0	62,383.9	63,703.0	65,022.2	312,145.4
			+2.1%	+2.0%	+2.1%	+2.1%	+2.1%	