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## “Legislative Update”



### HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVES EAS AT \$130 MILLION

On Friday, June 20, 2008, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and HUD approved the FY09 Transportation, HUD and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The legislation provides for a 5.1 % increase in funding for the Department of Transportation.

The bill includes the following program funding levels:

- ➔ Essential Air Service (EAS) - **\$130 million**, \$5 million more than FY08. This is \$80 million more than the Administration’s budget request of \$50 million.
- ➔ Airport Improvement Program (AIP) - **\$3.5 billion**, the same level as FY08 and \$765 million more than the Administration’s request of \$2.75 billion.

The legislation now moves to full committee for consideration. RAP will provide more details on the status of FY09 Appropriations and FY09 FAA Reauthorization this week.