

FY 2019 Appropriations for Surface Transportation Board

	FY '15 Enacted	FY '16 Enacted	FY '17 Enacted P.L. 115-31	FY '18 Enacted P.L. 115-141	FY '19 Authorized P.L. 114-110	President Trump's FY '19 Budget 2/12/18	U.S. House of Representatives FY '19 H.R. 6072 (H.Rpt. 115-750) Approved 5/23/2018 Draft Committee Approved 5/23/2018 Draft THUD Approved 5/16/18	U.S. Senate FY '19 Minibus H.R. 6147 Approved 92-6 8/1/2018 S. 3023 (S.Rpt. 115-268) Committee Approved 6/7/2018 Draft THUD Approved 6/5/2018	Final FY '19
Salaries & Expenses	\$31.375	\$32.375	\$37.000 Of which \$2.046 is directed to IT upgrades in report language.	\$37.100 Report language expressing concerns over STB delays in pending proceedings and encourages full complement of Board Members to be expeditiously nominated a confirmed and to provide a timely, efficient and decisive regulatory process. [Trump FY '18 Budget recommended \$2.401 million for continued IT upgrades.]	\$35.000	\$37.100 Of which \$2.797 million recommended for continuing improvements to Boards' IT upgrades.	\$37.100	\$37.100 Report language expressing continued concerns over number of pending regulations that would reform existing STB procedures and need for full complement of Board Members.	
Offsetting Collections	\$1.250	\$1.250	\$1.250	\$1.250	\$1.250	\$1.250	\$1.250	\$1.250	
Total	\$30.125	\$31.125	\$35.750	\$35.850	\$33.750	\$35.850	\$35.850	\$35.850	

Amounts in millions.

Fiscal Year 2019 begins October 1, 2018.

FRCA supports, at a minimum, the \$37.1 million level as proposed in the Trump FY 2019 Budget including the recommendation that \$2.797million be spent for continuing improvements to the Board's information systems technologies. As during the FY '18 cycle, House and THUD staff relayed confidence that the STB will continue upgrading its IT system and spend the monies so as presented in its budget justification submission. No accompanying IT report language for FY '19 is needed. S. Rpt. 115-268 (and final FY 2018 TUD appropriations report) wording mirrors the July 11, 2017 joint FRCA-WCTL letter sent to the Senate Commerce Committee asking that it: urge the Trump Administration to: 1) nominate two qualified individuals to serve as STB Members; move the confirmation process as expeditiously as possible; and, request the STB to move forward on Major Proceedings in the meantime.

