



FY 2018 Appropriations for Surface Transportation Board

	FY '15 Enacted	FY '16 Enacted	FY '17 Enacted P.L. 115-31	FY '18 Authorized P.L. 114-110	President Trump's FY 2018 Proposal May 5, 2017	U.S. House of Representatives H.R. 3354 Omnibus 211-198 Vote 9/14/17 H.R. 3353 H. RPT 115-237 Appropriations Committee Approved 7/17/17 THUD Approved 7/10/17	U.S. Senate S. 1655 S. RPT 115-138 Appropriations Committee Approved 7/27/17 THUD Approved 7/25/17	Final
Salaries & Expenses	\$31.375	\$32.375	\$37.000 Of which \$2.046 is directed to IT upgrades	\$35.000	\$37.100 Of which \$2.401 is identified for IT upgrades	\$37.100	\$37.100 Report language expressing concerns over STB delays in pending proceedings and encourages full complement of Board Members to be expeditiously nominated/ confirmed and to provide a timely, efficient and decisive regulatory process	
Offsetting Collections	\$1.250	\$1.250	\$1.250	\$1.250	\$1.250	\$1.250	\$1.250	
Total	\$30.125	\$31.125	\$35.750	\$33.750	\$35.850	\$35.850	\$35.850	

Amounts in millions. Fiscal Year 2018 began October 1, 2017.

FRCA supports, at a minimum, the \$37.1 million level as proposed in the Trump FY 2018 Budget Recommendation including corresponding report language directing at least \$2.401 million to IT upgrades. Although the accompanying report language in H.R. 3353 and S. 1655 is silent on any directed spending, THUD subcommittee staff relayed confidence that the STB will continue upgrading its IT system and spend the monies to do so as presented in its budget justification submission. No report language is needed.

S. RPT 115-138 wording mirrors the July 11th 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.