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## Congress to face dilemma in funding long-term transportation bill

By Ashley Halsey III, Published: January 15 [E-mail the writer](#)

The Obama administration Wednesday again touted corporate tax reforms as a means to pay for roads, bridges and transit but acknowledged that Congress may take the lead as the traditional funding source for transportation nears extinction.

"I'm talking to members of Congress all the time. This is a dialogue, it's not a monologue," said Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. "We fully expect that there will be other ideas out there, and it's a matter of getting those ideas on the table. We're going to continue engaging with Congress."

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Foxx's comments Wednesday after a speech at the Transportation Research Board's annual meeting were an echo of those made Tuesday by Rep. Bill Shuster (R-Pa.), chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

"We've got to look at everything," Shuster said after chairing a three-hour hearing at which he said he hoped to have a new long-term transportation bill on the House floor before the August recess.

"I'm considering everything. In Congress, sometimes things happen quick," he said.

With the Highway Trust Fund forecast to go bankrupt next year and the current two-year transportation bill set to expire Oct. 1, Congress faces a struggle to find funds for a new long-term transportation bill.

Several solutions are on the table: increasing the federal gas tax, on which the trust fund has relied for decades; shifting the tax burden to wholesale fuel at the refinery; and allowing U.S. corporations that have stockpiled billions of dollars

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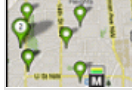
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