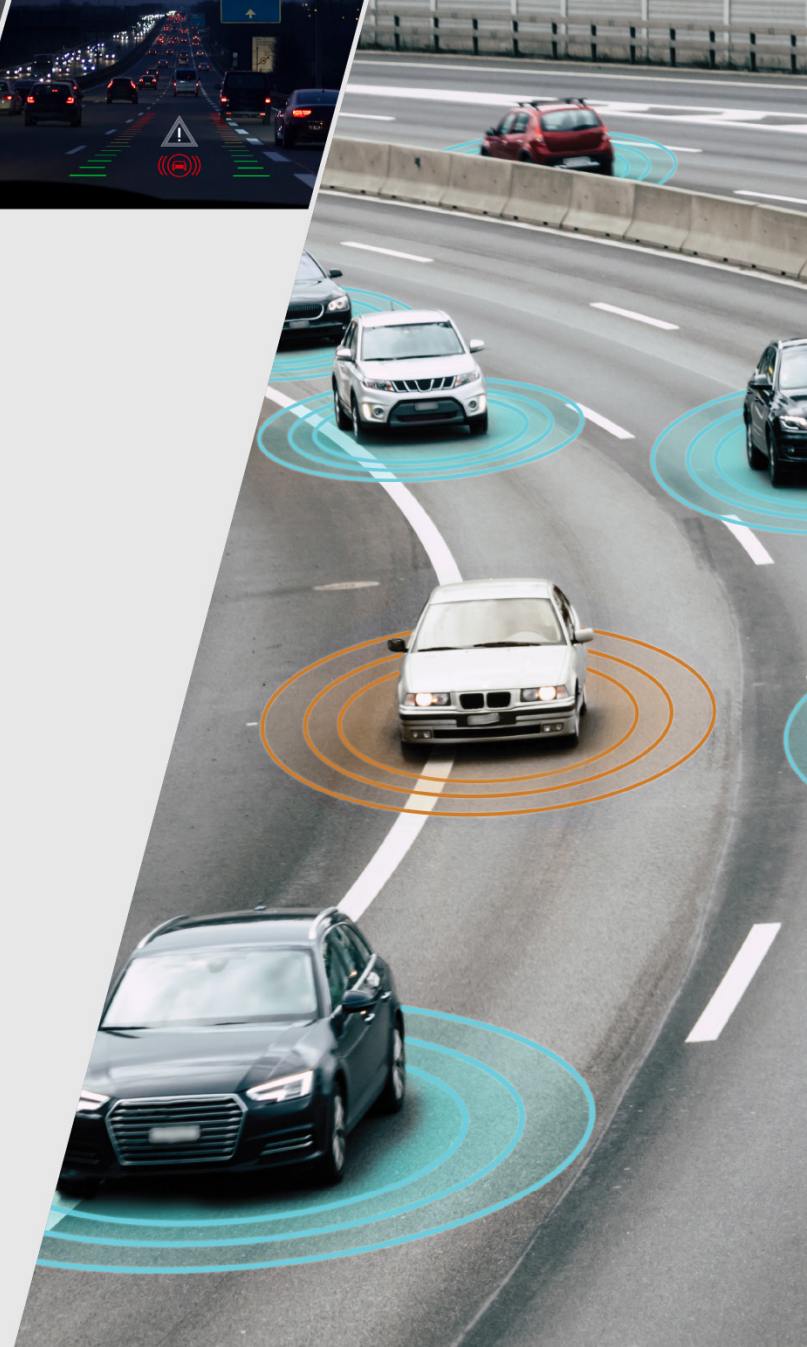




Federal Update – Texas Innovation Alliance

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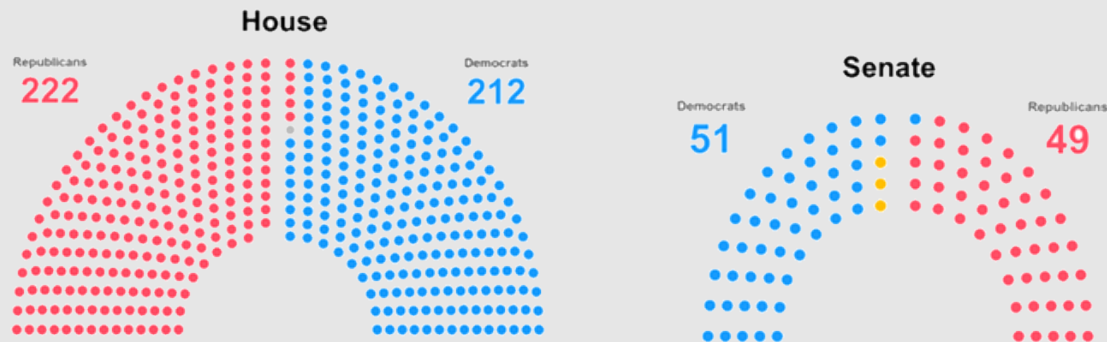
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- Maximize Texas' federal funding for transportation
- Presence in DC
- Updates on congressional activity and legislation
- Legislative language
- Federal Grants support



■ Divided Government

- House: 222 Republicans, 212 Democrats, 1 Vacant
- Senate: 51 Democrats, 49 Republicans



- **38 Texas House Members**
 - 7 new: 5 Republicans, 2 Democrats
- **Relevant Committees**
 - House Transportation & Infrastructure: 3 Republicans, 1 Democrat
 - Senate Commerce: Ranking Member Ted Cruz



- State of the Union.
- Biden Budget → Appropriations.
- Potential debt ceiling showdown.
- FAA reauthorization.



- Electric Vehicles:
 - National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program:
 - Each state receives an amount based on its highway apportionment. **According to FHWA's estimates, Texas' total share over 5 years is \$407.8 million, or \$81.56 million over five years.**
 - TxDOT “NEVI Plan” approved by FHWA on 9/27/22.
 - Grants for Charging and Fueling Infrastructure:
 - \$2.5 billion (over five years) discretionary grant program, divided into two programs: the Corridor Charging Grant Program and the Community Charging Grant Program.
 - Funding increases each FY, starting with \$300 million in FY 2022, for a total of \$2.5 billion over five years. Funds may be used to deploy publicly accessible EV and alternative fuel charging infrastructure, hydrogen fueling infrastructure, propane fueling infrastructure, and natural gas fueling infrastructure along designated alternative fuel corridors or in other locations that will be accessible to all drivers of such vehicles.
 - Per USDOT, guidance and NOFOs “ will be forthcoming.”
- White House NEVI Information Dump – Week of February 13, 2023.



Thank You!

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