

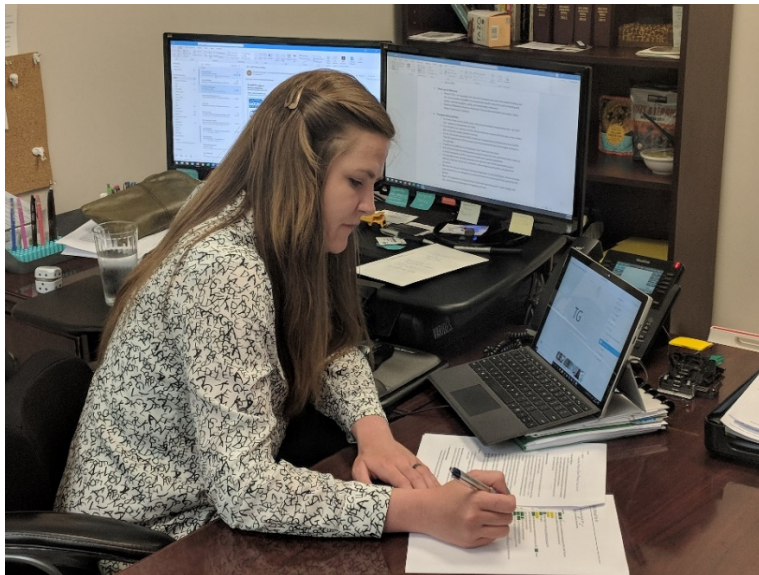


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COVID-19 OPERATIONAL ADJUSTMENTS CONTINUE FOR CONGRESS

As detailed in the attached report from Key Advocates, Congress is operating under what is going to be the “new normal” for the foreseeable future. The Senate is back in session under normal rules and procedures. The House is operating with remote committee hearings, remote committee markups, and remote voting by proxy on the House Floor. The House situation is temporary only, during the pandemic. All Hill buildings remain closed except for Members, staff and credentialed press. Members’ offices are being serviced by skeleton staffs. Committee staffs are being told not to come to their offices unless their committee has a hearing, markup or bill on the Floor. For the most part, Members’ personal offices and committees are functioning via email and phone.

CWCC urges you to reach out to key Members and schedule remote “fly-ins” as we discussed last month. If you need any assistance at all, please let us know. UTCA of NJ has hosted its virtual fly-in and had great participation from our NJ delegation. Joining the UTCA of NJ call were the offices of Senator Booker, Congressman Pallone, Congressman Kim, Congressman Smith, Congressman Pascrell, Congressman Payne, Congresswoman Sherrill, and Congressman Malinowski.



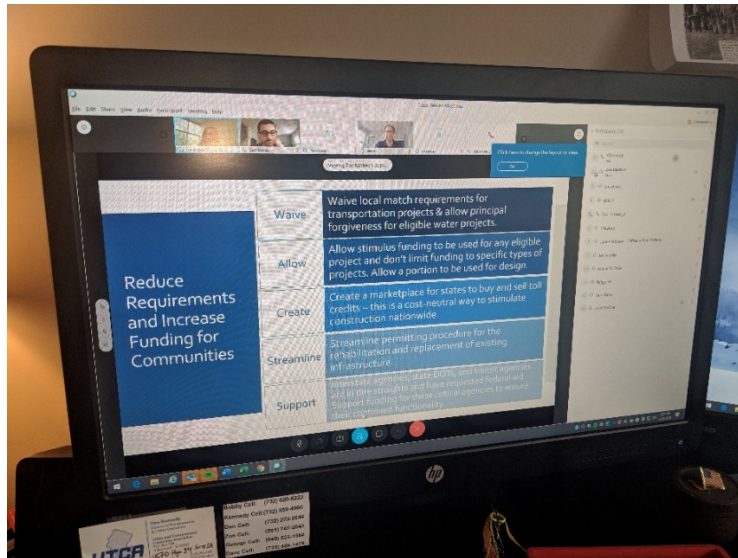
UTCA on NJ’s Zoe Baldwin Manages Virtual “Fly-In” for NJ Delegation

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Screenshot from UTCA of NJ's Virtual "Fly-In" Presentation

ANTICIPATED PRIORITIES IN CONGRESS: JUNE – AUGUST

As per information gained by Sante Esposito's interactions in DC, it is anticipated that throughout the month of June, legislative work will focus on enactment of two health crisis bills - a Phase 5 coronavirus bill and a small business loan adjustment bill. The House has already passed its version of a Phase 5 bill - a \$3T proposal that includes \$900B for state and local governments, \$175B for health care workers and first responders, and \$75B for testing and contact tracing. The Senate does not have a bill but has said that its bill will be much smaller in scope and cost. Employer liability protection is the number one priority for Senate Republicans in the next round; payroll tax cut and a \$600 back-to-work bonus are the priorities of the Administration. The House also passed last week a bipartisan PPP loan bill - 86 cosponsors, 57 Dems and 29 Reps - that allows a small business to spend its loan proceeds over 24 months instead of 8 weeks and reduces the limit on loan payroll expenses from 75% to 60%. The Senate also has a bipartisan PPP bill awaiting Floor consideration - it allows 16 weeks to spend loan funds versus 8 weeks and extends the deadline to apply for loans from June 30 to the end of the year. In June, House committees will meet to hold hearings and to mark up and report other legislation.

In July, their goal will be to prepare must-pass legislation for consideration on the Floor in late June and going through July, including a 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA); **an infrastructure package that includes reauthorization of expiring surface transportation provisions; a reauthorization of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA);** legislation to strengthen and

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expand the Affordable Care Act as more Americans have come to rely on it during this pandemic; and appropriation bills for Fiscal Year 2021; among others. Throughout July the House will meet to consider on the Floor legislation reported by committees. Longer work days are expected in late July in order to accommodate votes on appropriation bills, NDAA, **an infrastructure bill**, ACA legislation, and **WRDA**.

In August, if the House is able to complete its work on these items by the end of July, no changes will be made to the schedule, barring, of course, any additional measures that need to be taken to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

MARKUPS FOR MAJOR WATER FUNDING BILLS – HIGHLIGHTS

On May 6, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee reported two water bills - the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2020 (AWIA) and the Drinking Water Infrastructure Act of 2020. The two bills are intended to form the Senate 2020 WRDA bill. There are two bills because of the split jurisdiction in the House - AWIA is a Corps of Engineers/clean water bill which is under the jurisdiction of the House T&I Committee; the Drinking Water bill falls under the jurisdiction of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Highlights include:

- \$25M for FY 2022-2024 for the Alternative Water Source Grants Program - the DeFazio bill authorizes \$75M for each of 5 fiscal years;
- \$2B in FY 2022, \$2.5B in FY 2023 and \$3B in FY 2024 for the Clean Water SRF (subject to scorekeeping and offsets if necessary) - the DeFazio bill authorizes \$40B over 5 fiscal years;
- Reauthorization and expansion of the Drinking Water Infrastructure Risk and Resiliency Program (\$10M for FY 2022-2024 of the Drinking Water bill), and the creation of a companion \$15M for FY2022-2024 program for clean water systems;
- \$250M for FY 2021-2022 for reauthorization of the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Grant Program - the DeFazio bill authorizes \$225M for each of five fiscal years;
- \$50M for WIFIA for FY 2022-2024;
- No authorizations for the Safe Drinking Water SRF as that was re-authorized and increased last Congress;
- No funds for the Title XVI WIIN grant program as that falls under the jurisdiction of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee;

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In the House, per Navis Bermudez, T&I Water Resources Subcommittee Majority staff, a draft of the next WRDA bill is expected by the end of the month. Not clear whether it will be a Corps of Engineers only bill or, like the Senate bill, include clean water issues. Because the Senate bill includes non-Corps of Engineers issues, Bermudez said that clean water matters will be a conference issue.

Current law expires Sept. 30 of this year. Goal is to re-authorize the program this year to keep it on a two-year cycle. The focus is on the Corps of Engineers – projects and process – although in the past WRDA has been the vehicle for inclusion of other “water” issues of interest.

COVID RECOVERY – PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM (PPP)

The US Small Business Administration has submitted a summary of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) - Second Round Approvals from 4/27/2020 through 05/01/2020. This includes a state by state and loan size summary for this second phase of funding for this program, which is primarily focused on avoiding large layoffs during the pandemic.

You can find that report by following this link:

<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/PPP2-Data-05012020.pdf>

KEY ADVOCATES REPORT

Included with this notice is Key Advocates recent report which is current to the end of May.

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