



Advancing Common-Sense Infrastructure Solutions

Investing in the Future

- Senator Blunt secured several provisions in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Public Law 114-94), the long-term highway bill signed into law in December of 2015, that will improve highways, bridges, and rail service in Missouri and across the nation, including:
 - Off-System Bridges: The FAST Act protects the dedicated revenue stream for off-system bridges, a set-aside Senator Blunt established by amendment in the previous highway bill (Public Law 112-141), and makes more funding available for bridges overall
 - Emergency Route Working Group: The FAST Act includes language offered by Senator Blunt to create a working group at the Department of Transportation to address delays caused by state-by-state permitting requirements for special vehicles needed for emergency infrastructure response
 - Competition in Passenger Rail: The FAST Act includes provisions Senator Blunt backed in the Senate-passed bill to promote more competition in passenger rail service, creating a State-Supported Route Committee to encourage a more collaborative relationship between stakeholders on state-supported routes, and to encourage non-federal participation in certain elements of Amtrak's system
- Senator Blunt is a strong advocate for the small ports and harbors moving critical goods on the Mississippi River, securing \$48 million in the omnibus appropriations bill (Public Law 114-113) for operations and maintenance for small harbors and channels
- Senator Blunt secured \$5 million dollars in the omnibus appropriations bill for the Short Sea Shipping Program, also known as the Marine Highway Grant Program
- Senator Blunt successfully fought to fund the buses and bus facilities competitive grants program in the omnibus appropriations bill to help medium and smaller sized transit agencies with older bus fleets that have been negatively impacted by changes to funding methodology included in the previous highway bill
- Senator Blunt helped reestablish the buses and bus facilities competitive grants program in the FAST Act
- Senator Blunt helped secure new funding opportunities for small ports dredging in the Water Resources Reform & Development Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-121), and has also worked to secure funding for needed dredging in the past two Appropriations bills
- Senator Blunt knows that we have to explore new ways to finance our nation's infrastructure, and is working to advance bipartisan solutions, including the Partnership to Build America Act and the Building and Renewing Infrastructure for Development and Growth in Employment (BRIDGE) Act, which would leverage private investment to help finance transportation, energy, communications, and water infrastructure projects across the nation

Reducing Barriers

- Senator Blunt secured a provision in the FAA Modernization and Reform Act (Public Law 112-95) that ensures airports nationwide have continued access to private security screening options, and can determine the security screening procedure that best meets their specific needs
- Senator Blunt strongly supports legislation that would reform the third class medical process – a burdensome requirement for pilots - and provide other protections for general aviation pilots
- Senator Blunt introduced the Track, Railroad, and Infrastructure Network (TRAIN) Act, which was included in the FAST Act, to reform and streamline the environmental permitting process for rail projects