

# Legislative Update

**MAG Transportation Policy  
Committee**

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## 112<sup>th</sup> Congress



**FY 2011; Continuing Resolution**

**FY 2012; Proposed Budgets**

### **Promoting Regional Planning:**

The Administration's proposal will bolster state and metropolitan planning; award funds to high performing communities; and empower the most capable communities and planning organizations to determine which projects deserve funding. – From USDOT FY 2012 Budget Highlights



# Administration's Budget Proposal

- n \$129B for USDOT; includes a \$556B, 6 year reauthorization
- n \$50B "up-front" – TIGER III?
- n \$5B for a National Infrastructure Bank, plus \$5B/year for next 6 years
- n Under this proposal, for 6 years:
  - l Highway funding up 48% to \$336B
  - l Transit funding up 128% to \$119B
  - l \$53B in high-speed rail



# Differences & Similarities

## President

- Increased \$ to transportation
  - Increase funding to high speed rail
  - Increase discretionary
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- No earmarks
  - Streamlining

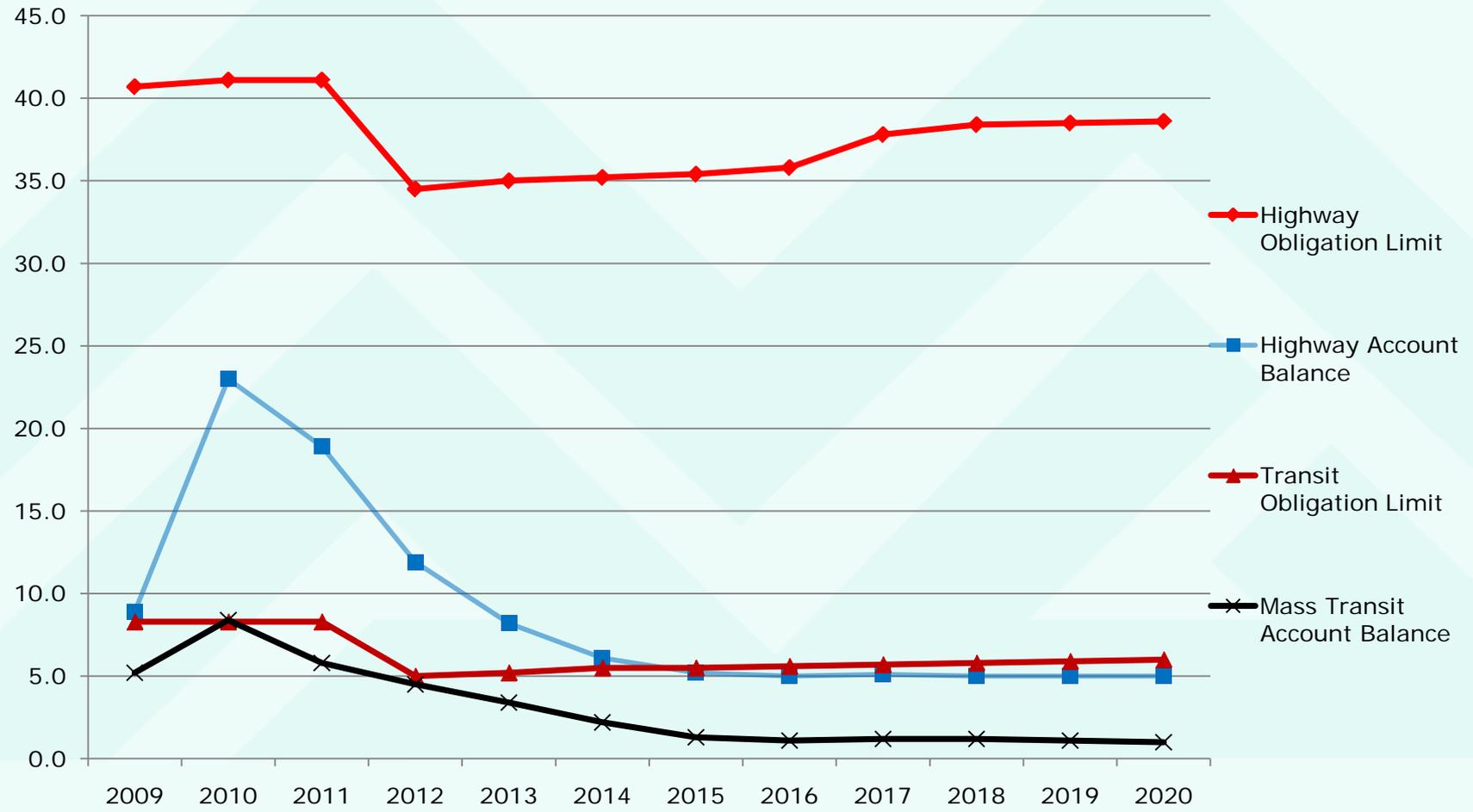
## House Majority

- Reduce \$ to 2008 levels; HTF only
  - Private sector fund high speed rail
  - Maintain formulas
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- 2 year earmark ban
  - Streamlining



# Maximum Highway Trust Fund Spending Levels Sustainable at Current Tax Rates

CBO August 2010 Baseline





# Any Questions?

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