



Arapahoe County: Federal Legislative Update

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Recap of Recent Activity May 2026

- ❖ Commissioner Summey attended tour of the VA Hospital with U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs of Doug Collins, Governor Jared Polis, and Rep. Gabe Evans – May 6th
- ❖ Commissioners Baker, Fields, and Warren-Gully attended Accelerate Colorado in Washington, DC – May 13-14th



2026 Outlook – Congress Current State of Play

The House Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) Committee reached a deal on a \$580 billion surface transportation reauthorization. This bill would renew major highway, transit, and infrastructure programs that expire on September 30th, 2026.

This week on the House Floor:

Suspensions

- Veterans-related bills
- Financial services/banking bills
- Public lands and commemorative measures

Consideration of the 21st Century Road to Housing ACT

This week on the Senate Floor:

En block Nominations

WIOA/Workforce Funding –

Although technically outside WIOA itself, - short term pell grant eligibility launches July 1, 2026. Intentioned to create a parallel funding stream for workforce training.

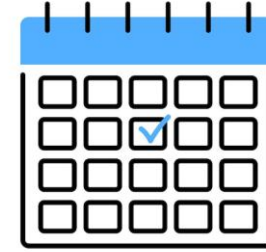
Policy debate is active, but enactment is unlikely near term.



TANF Funding –

remains largely static and formula driven, with no major increase or restructuring enacted. TANF is due for reauthorization on Sept. 30th, 2026.

Reconciliation 2.0 Process Timeline (Tentative)



Key Dates and Milestones

Thursday, May 14 — Senate Judiciary Committee (SJC) business meeting #1; reconciliation expected was held over.

Thursday, May 21 — SJC business meeting #2; committee expected to consider and report out its reconciliation title.

May 19–20 — Senate Budget Committee expected to assemble the reconciliation package, with the Senate beginning floor consideration.

Around May 21–22 — Senate expected to conclude consideration following up to 20 hours of debate and a vote-a-rama process.

Post-Senate Passage — Legislation would then move to the House. While there could be procedural or political challenges, current expectations are that final House action would occur after recess, likely during the first week of June.

21st Century ROAD to Housing Act

Overview:

- Bill has passed both Chambers, but not in the same form
- The Senate changed it → it is now back to the House
- House has rewritten key provisions and will likely get it voted on this week
- House GOP disagreements and bicameral differences remain on the table

Key Pressure Point:

The “build-to-rent forced sale” requirement

Senate: Investors must sell certain SFR homes within 7-years

House: Eliminates that requirement

Overall:

A large bipartisan housing supply + affordability bill

Strategic framing → focusing on supply side housing reform with regulatory modernization and focused programing

White House amps up pressure on House Republicans to support Senate housing bill **POLITICO**



Build America 250 Act

Overview:

- Bipartisan, multi-surface, transportation reauthorization bill
- Five-year authorization bill governing federal investment in roads, bridges, transit, rail, and safety programs
- \$580 billion in total investment
- Will fund the Highway Trust Fund through annual \$130 and \$35 registration fees on electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles which would increase beginning in 2029 with a cap at \$150 and \$50, respectively
- Provides \$50 billion, the largest ever investment, for bridges
- Targeted funding for federal lands and national park infrastructure
- Establishes the first federal framework for autonomous commercial motor vehicles
- Permitting and project delivery reform
- Targeted to strengthen freight and supply chain infrastructure

Where it stands:

- Released by House T&I Committee (May 17, 2026)
- Committee markup expected soon - date TBD
- Senate has not yet released its counterpart



2026 Outlook – Trump Administration

The week is being driven by:

- A crisis-point on Iran decision making - President Trump called off a planned U.S. Military strike on 5/18, signaling the on-going pressure from Middle East partners to allow time for serious negotiations.
- Post-China visit diplomacy – President Trump visited with Xi Jinping last week covering issues on trade/tariff, regional security, and middle east tensions. Directly relating to larger diplomacy concerns impacting supply chains, especially in the energy and global markets.
- Domestic priority – President Trump is actively pressuring the House to pass the Senate’s version of the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act to obtain an affordability win. Additionally, Trump is focused on attaching the SAVE Act to must-pass bipartisan bills such as this.
- DOJ and IRS announced a \$1.7B “Anti-Weaponization Fund” which was announced as a part of a deal to resolve President Trump’s lawsuit against the IRS over the disclosure of his tax returns.
- Softening on AI regulation rhetoric

