Congressional Overview
The Senate was in session voting on judicial nominations. Members of the House returned to Washington, D.C. on Friday to vote on the next coronavirus relief package, along with a vote on changing the House rules to let members cast proxy votes for absent colleagues as the coronavirus pandemic continues.

On Tuesday, the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) held a hearing on “Safely Getting Back to Work and Back to School” as coronavirus-related shutdowns are lifted. Witnesses include National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director Anthony Fauci, MD; CDC Director Robert Redfield, MD; FDA Administrator Stephen Hahn, MD; and Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary Adm. Brett Giroir, MD.

House Passes Stimulus Package that Includes Multiemployer Pension Reform
The House passed a fourth stimulus package on Friday mostly along party lines (208-199 vote). The bill includes the GROW Act – a multiemployer pension reform bill that would provide fund trustees stabilization tools that would not require a federal bailout. Some items of note from the bill for signatory contractors include:
- $800 billion in funding for state and local governments
- 25 billion in funding for the US Postal Service
- A monthly $2,000 relief check for those in need
- Expansion of broadband services to rural, low-income and other vulnerable communities
- Help for workers and businesses
- Additional funding for testing, tracing, and treatment
- Rental and mortgage assistance
- Increased funding for nutrition programs
- Student loan assistance
- Expansion of earned income tax credits for low-income childless adults
- More generous tax credits for parents with very young children, increased child and dependent care credits
- A rollback of the $10,000 cap on state and local tax deductions
- Support for failing union pension plans
- Allowing businesses to claim a tax deduction on expenses paid with forgivable Paycheck Protection Program and additional funds for the PPP.

While the bill passed the House, it is unlikely to go much further. Both Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and President Trump have come out against it. Majority Leader McConnell indicated he would not bring the bill to the Senate floor.

Transportation Construction Coalition Launches Infrastructure Spending PR Campaign
The Transportation Construction Coalition (TCC) launched an advertising and grassroots campaign designed to encourage Congress to make new infrastructure investments as the major catalyst for economic recovery in the wake of COVID-19. The primary message of the campaign by the TCC is that reopening, renewing and revitalizing the economy starts with passage of a robust, multi-year transportation bill that creates jobs and keeps goods and services like medical supplies quickly moving to their destinations - now and for decades to come.
The campaign’s message is directed at two audiences: legislators and their staffs on Capitol Hill and the four primary leaders who are critical to final passage of infrastructure investment legislation: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), Senate Majority Leader McConnell, and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY).

**Bipartisan Group of Legislators Urges Congress to Provide State DOT Funding**

More than 135 members of Congress signed onto a letter urging Congress to include roughly $50 billion for state Departments of Transportation (DOT) in the next coronavirus response package. The list includes both Democrats and Republicans, who signed on to support the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials’ request for funds to help protect jobs and keep transportation projects moving.

Per the letter, “providing state DOTs an immediate infusion of $49.95 billion in federal funding separate from any additional state and local relief, is not unlike action taken in prior COVID-19 response bills, which provided federal funding for other transportation modes facing reductions in revenue due to decreased travel.”