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States Leading the Way on Mileage-Based User Fees

On page 723 of the \$305 billion, five-year federal surface transportation legislation approved by Congress last year is a \$95 million grant program that some believe could help determine whether there will ever be another long-term transportation bill and that appears likely to put states at the forefront of determining the future of transportation funding.

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It's Complicated: Americans' Relationship with the Government

Ask some Americans about the federal government and they bluntly describe its flaw and failings. Ask them about what the government should do—and how it actually performs—and they tell a very different story. Carroll Doherty explains the results of a recent Pew Research Center national survey on public distrust of government.

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What Might Merrick Garland Mean for State and Local Government?

As promised, President Obama has nominated someone to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court. Obama announced on March 16 in the White House Rose Garden that he would nominate Chief Judge Merrick Garland of the D.C. Circuit Court to serve as the 113th Supreme Court justice. If Judge Garland becomes Justice Garland, how might he rule in cases affecting state and local government? Lisa Soronen of the State and Local Legal Center takes a look at the new Supreme Court nominee.

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Road Usage Charge: An Update from the West

While gas tax revenues are used to build and maintain major transportation infrastructure, this revenue stream is no longer sufficient to pay for public transportation needs. Several states have begun to explore alternatives to the gas tax, such as the road usage charge—also known as the mileage-based user fee. This free eCademy session by CSG West on March 22 at 11 a.m. PDT/2 p.m. EST, will provide an overview of the road usage charge and how pilot programs are beginning to take shape in a few Western states.

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The State of America's Aging Drinking Water Infrastructure

America's water infrastructure is at a crossroads. Water lines installed—in some cases more than 100 years ago—are nearing or past their useful lifespans. An estimated 6.5 million water lines across the country contain lead, which, as exhibited by the crisis in Flint, Mich., can have devastating

Scholarship Tax Credits

As of Feb. 2, 2016, scholarship tax credits were available in 18 states. Scholarship tax credit programs are used to provide a form of school choice, allowing individuals or corporations to receive a tax credit on state taxes for donations made to grant private school scholarships. Some states provide parents the opportunity to deduct all or a

consequences to communities. Combined with the demands for new infrastructure from a growing population, the cost of maintaining and expanding the country's water infrastructure has outpaced available funding.

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Like Clockwork, State Legislators Move to End Daylight Saving Time

Most of the country lost an hour of sleep as clocks sprung forward Sunday, March 13 for daylight saving time. Some states are looking to opt out of the practice, insisting that the downsides outweigh the benefits. California has a proposed bill that would ask voters to end the biannual clock changes, while legislators in Alaska and nearly a dozen other states are debating similar measures, reported the AP. Some legislators in New England want to go even further, withdrawing from the Eastern Time Zone and moving to Atlantic Standard Time with Puerto Rico.

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portion of their child's private school tuition from their state taxes. Others provide corporations the ability to donate to an approved non-profit scholarship funding organization and apply for a tax credit for the donation.

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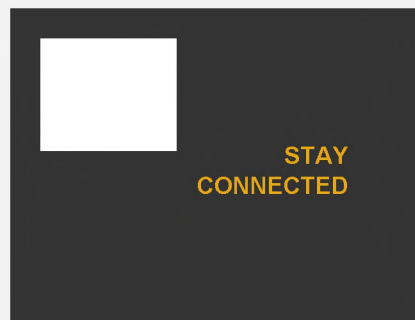
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