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POLICY GUIDES & 2014 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

Policy Guide:
Aging in Community

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Guiding Policies

- **Actively Involve Older Adults and Engage the Aging Perspective in the Planning Process**
- **Ensure a Range of Affordable Housing Options are Available for Older Adults**
- **Ensure Access to Quality Transportation Options for Older Adults**
- **Use Land-Use and Zoning Tools to Create Welcoming Communities for Older Adults**
- **Support the Economic Well-Being of Older Adults and their Caregivers**
- **Strengthen the Community Assets of and Supports for Older Adults**

Policy Recommendations

- Devise mechanisms to regularly consult with older adults on specific plans and policies
- Assess, discuss, and develop strategies to address unmet needs as well as apply the strengths of older adults living in their jurisdictions
- Advocate for federal funding for the production of new and preservation of existing low-income housing
- Ensure quality housing choices for older adults
- Adopt policies, ordinances and incentives that include enabling design
- Advocate for preservation and modernization of federally-assisted housing for older residents

Policy Recommendations

- **Encourage local, state, federal, and private entities to evaluate and modify their transportation planning policies and practices**

- **Educate the general public, stakeholders, decision makers, planners and older adults on the components of transportation systems**

- **Increase local, state, and federal funding, and coordination of, fixed-route public transportation, specialized transportation (including demand responsive, paratransit, and human services transportation), and intercity bus and rail transit.**

- **Create incentives for private resources to support specialized transportation services for older adults**

Policy Recommendations

- **Use land-use and zoning as a vehicle for creating enabling environments to raise the level of functioning and independence of older adults**

- **Use planning policies and zoning regulations to foster mixed-use development as opportunities to co-locate services, land-uses, and programs to offer a continuum of affordable, supportive living options for healthier, independent living**

- **Use policies and zoning that facilitates emerging technologies needed to promote and sustain aging in community and maintenance of day-to-day functioning, engagement, and contribution to community life**

Policy Recommendations

- Encourage physical and social connectivity such as lighting and wayfinding
- Advance economic development policies that address the needs of people of all ages.
- Recognize the importance of informal caregivers
- Address issues of gender, immigration status, employment status or family discrimination
- Take an "age in everything" approach to planning to ensure healthy environments.
- Recognize benefits of inter-generational interdependencies
- Help ensure that older adults remain active and engaged in their community and that support services are easy to access so that frail older adults may continue to reside in the community and improve their health and quality of life

Relationship to Other Policy Guides

1. Smart Growth Policy Guide (adopted 2012)

2. Surface Transportation Policy Guide (adopted in 2010)

3. Housing Policy Guide (adopted in 2006)

4. Other policy guides addressing food systems planning, security, neighborhood collaboration, sustainability and public redevelopment all indirectly address the needs of the elderly.

Policy Guide:
Hazard Mitigation

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Hazard Mitigation Policy Guide - Declarations (This We Believe)

A. Best Practices

B. Data and Predictive Models

C. Resiliency Standards and Damage Resistance

D. Incentives

E. Public Education and Involvement

F. Preparation

G. Adaptation

H. Response and Recovery

I. State and Local Land-Use Authority

J. Protection of Vulnerable Populations and Assets

Definitions, Key Facts, and Rationale

Policy Outcomes – All Disasters

- Interagency, Regional, and Local Planning Capacity and Cooperation
- Inter-relationships between Plans, development Codes, and Ordinances
- Resiliency Standards
- Incentives
- Stakeholder Involvement
- Public Education & Engagement
- Environmental Considerations
- Response/Recovery Efforts

Policy Outcomes – Natural Disasters

Disease/Pandemic

Drought

Earthquakes

Extreme Heat/Cold

Flooding

Hurricanes, Tropical Cyclones and other Tropical Storms

Landslides/Avalanches

Sea Level Rise and land Subsidence

Tornadoes, High Winds, and Severe Thunderstorms

Tsunamis and Seiches

Volcanic Eruptions

Wildfires

Winter Storms/Ice

Policy Outcomes – Human-caused Disasters

Biological, Chemical, or Radiological Agents

Dam Failures

Hazardous Material Incidents

Terrorism

References and Further Reading

Relationship to Other Policy Guides

Policy Guide Development Process

Preliminary Policy Discussion Paper

LPC Appoints Task Force

Drafting and LPC Review

Member Comment Period

Delegate Assembly

Board of Director Ratification

Key Dates for Review

Comment Deadline: March 25

- Email govtaffairs@planning.org

Delegate Appointment Deadline: March 31

- Email ljorgenson@planning.org

Delegate Webinar: April 17

- Revised Guides & Delegate Packets on April 14

Delegate Assembly: April 26

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CHAPTER POLICY SURVEY RESULTS

Chapter Survey: 2014 Policy Priorities

Top Five Federal Policies	Avg Ranking
1. **Reauthorize federal surface transportation** law with emphasis on planning innovation, local decision making, and multimodal, performance-based investment	4.44
2. **Assist communities revitalize neighborhoods** and foster new strategies for economic and community development	4.72
3. **Increase or stabilize federal funding** for key planning-related programs	4.88
4. **Improve the resiliency** of the nation's communities and infrastructure	5.67
5. **Support innovative and efficient planning** as an essential component of community development, infrastructure, and energy programs	6.21

Chapter Survey: 2014 Policy Priorities

Bottom Five Federal Policies	Avg Ranking
9. **Provide high-quality federal data** to support planners and local decision-makers	7.91
10. **Create policies that support aging in place**	8.00
11. **Create policies that reduce economic inequality**	8.49
12. **Reduce federal interference** in local planning authority	9.05
13. **Promote rural development**	9.67

Chapter Survey: 2014 Policy Priorities

Top Ten Federal Programs	Avg Ranking
1. Community Development Block Grants	6.76
2. Transit	8.81
3. Hazard Mitigation	9.95
4. Transportation Alternatives	10.30
5. TIGER	10.44
6. Highway Trust Fund	10.65
7. Partnership for Sustainable Communities	11.09
8. Planning set asides in TIGER, Choice	12.79
9. Choice Neighborhoods	13.05
10. Clean Air Act regulations	13.45

Chapter Survey: 2014 Policy Priorities

Bottom Ten Federal Programs	Avg Ranking
18. HOME	15.33
19. Building codes	15.83
20. Performance-based planning	16.33
21. Public housing	16.40
22. WRDA	16.70
23. TIFIA, WIFIA	17.21
24. Superfund	17.24
25. GSE/Housing finance reform	17.33
26. Urban & Community Forestry	17.90
27. Digital Coast	18.37

Chapter Survey: 2014 Policy Priorities

Top Five State Policies	Avg Ranking
1. **Improve the resiliency** of the state's communities and infrastructure	5.51
2. **Assist communities revitalize neighborhoods** and foster new strategies for economic and community development	5.66
3. **Reduce state interference** in local planning authority (e.g. attacks on planning)	5.70
4. **Support innovative and efficient planning** as an essential component of community development, infrastructure, and energy programs	5.77
5. **Improve planning enabling legislation**	6.54

Chapter Survey: 2014 Policy Priorities

Bottom Five State Policies	Avg Ranking
10. **Promote use of green infrastructure** to meet state requirements	8.24
11. **Create policies that support aging in place**	8.33
12. **Address the impacts of energy production and extraction**	9.08
13. **Create policies that reduce economic inequality**	9.61
14. **Promote rural development**	9.89

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FEDERAL UPDATE

Budget Timeline- FY15

FY14-FY15 Budget deal

FY14 Omnibus

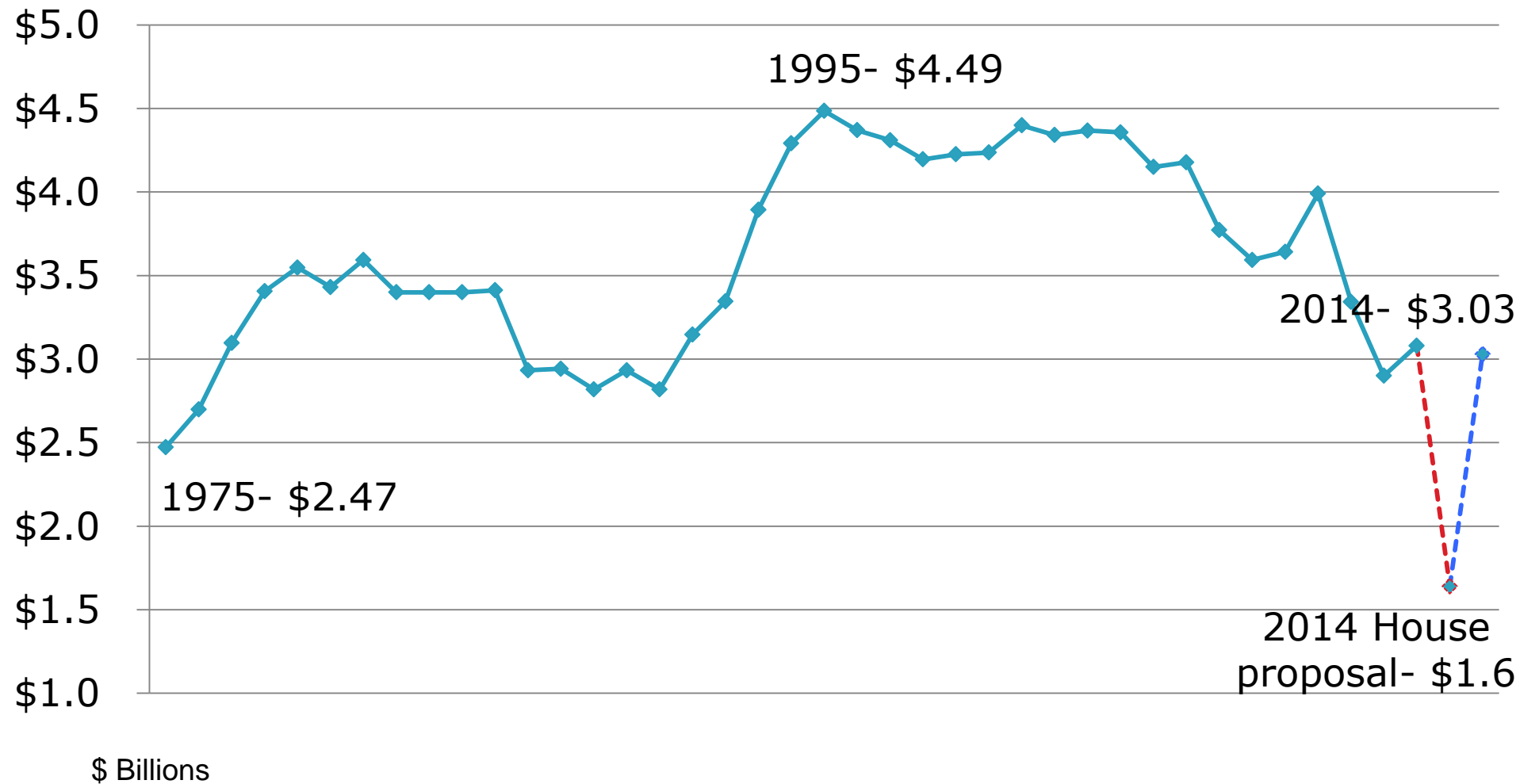President's Budget

Ryan Budget

Murray Budget

Appropriations Bills
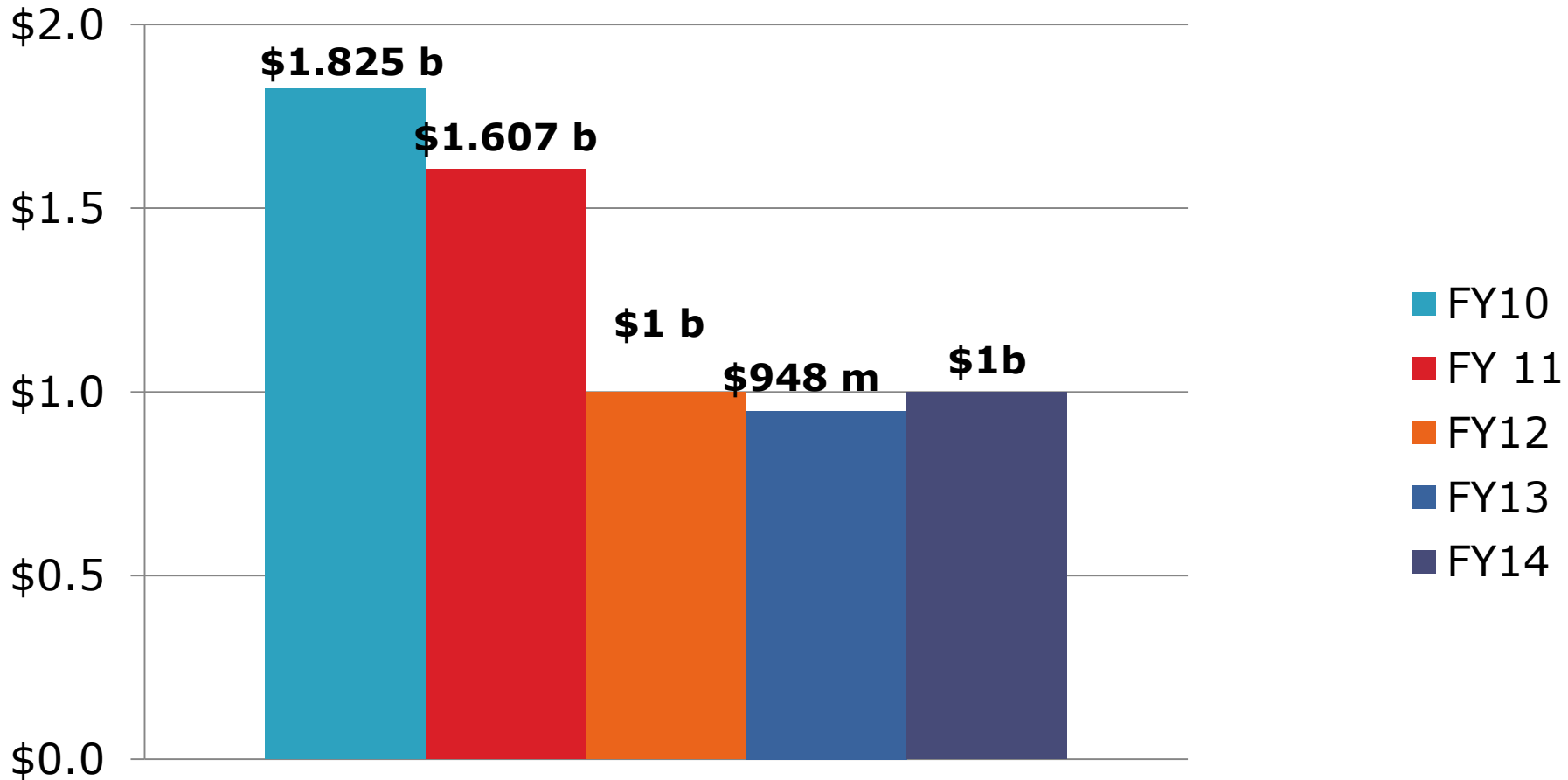
FY15 Continuing Resolution?

Mid-term Elections
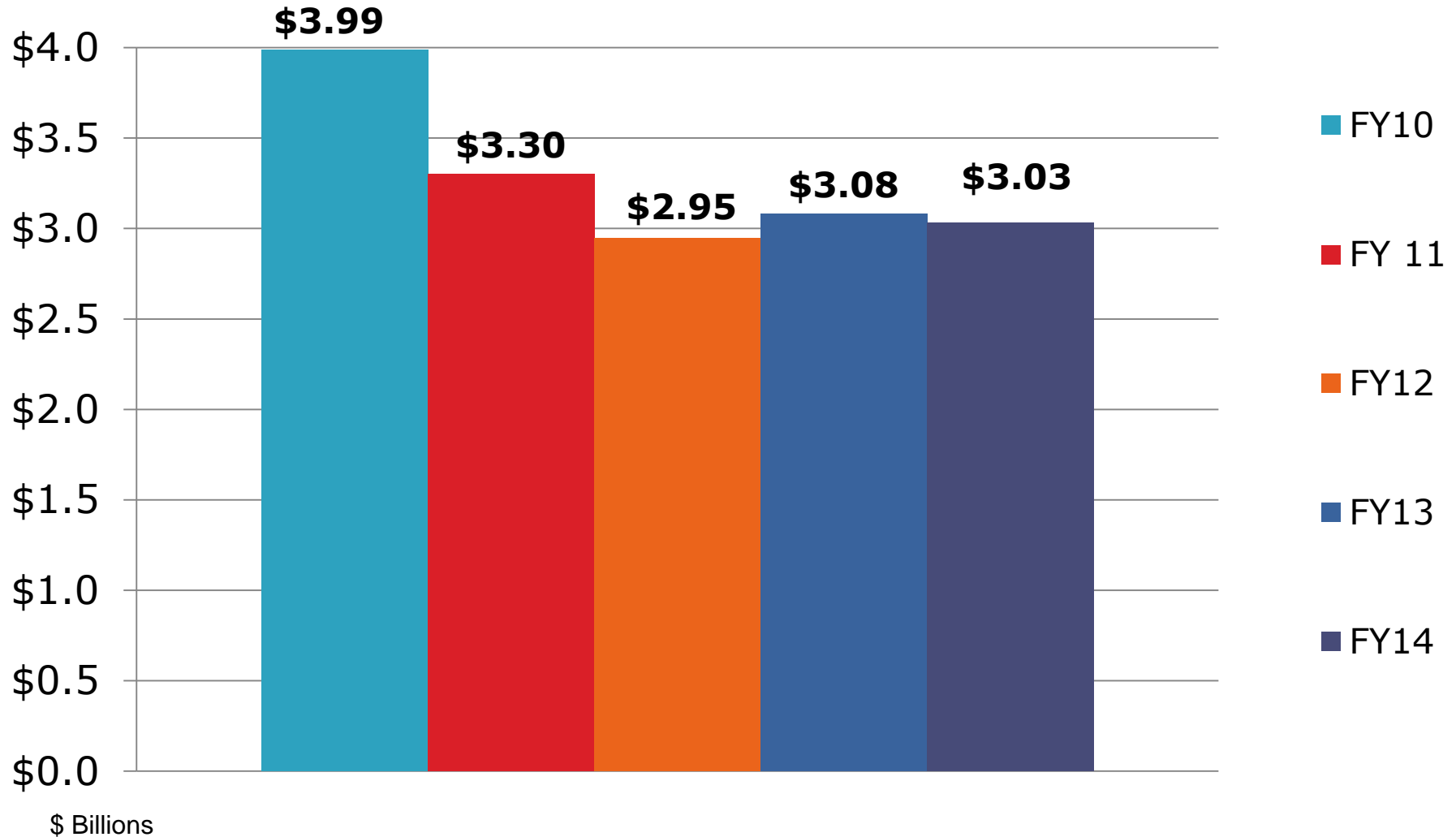
HUD: CDBG: Funding Levels 1975-2014

1995- $4.49

2014- $3.03

1975- $2.47

2014 House
proposal- $1.6

$ Billions

HUD: HOME Investment Partnerships

$1.825 b

$1.607 b

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- FY10
- FY 11
- FY12
- FY13
- FY14
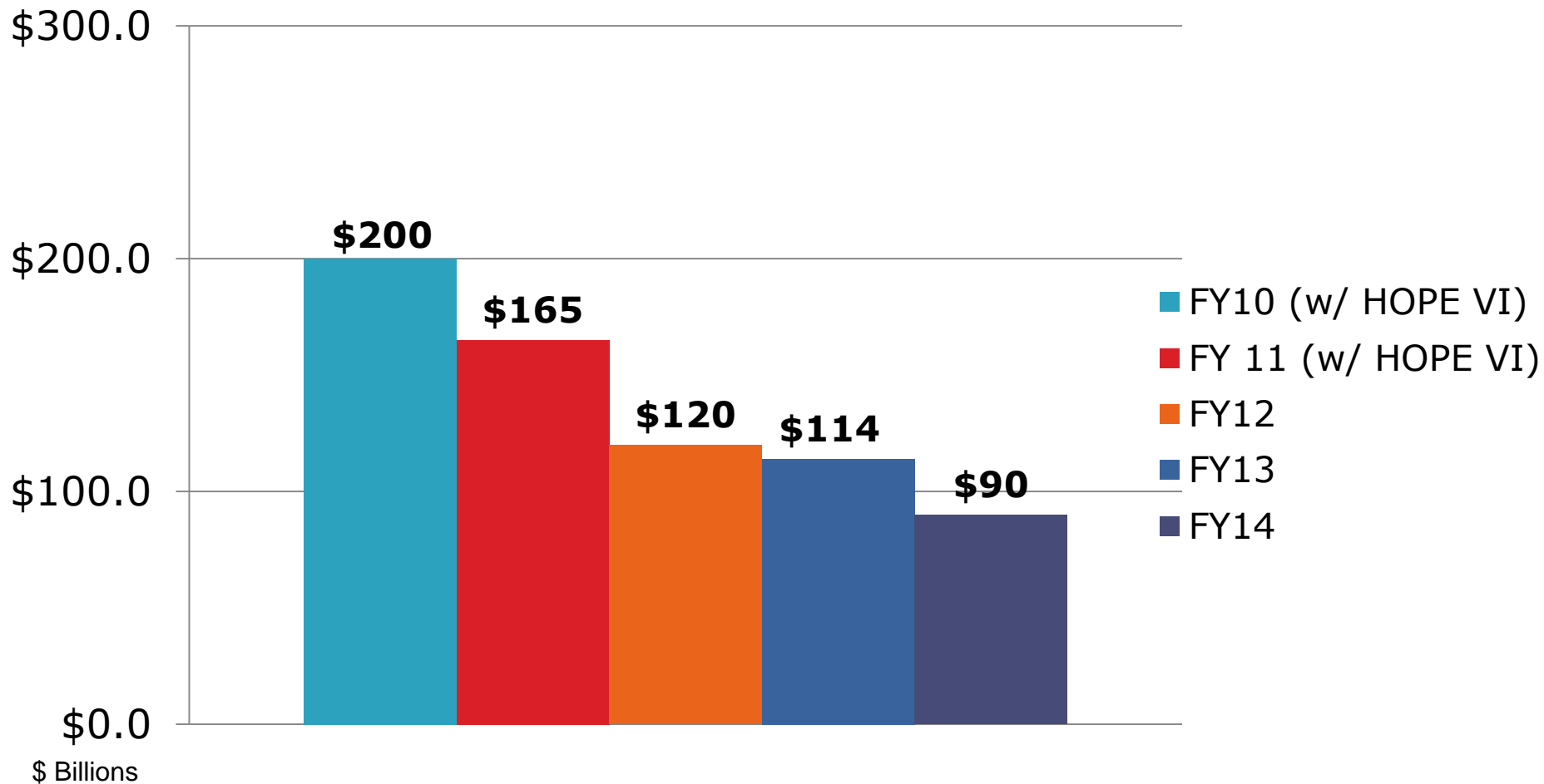
HUD: Partnership for Sustainable Communities
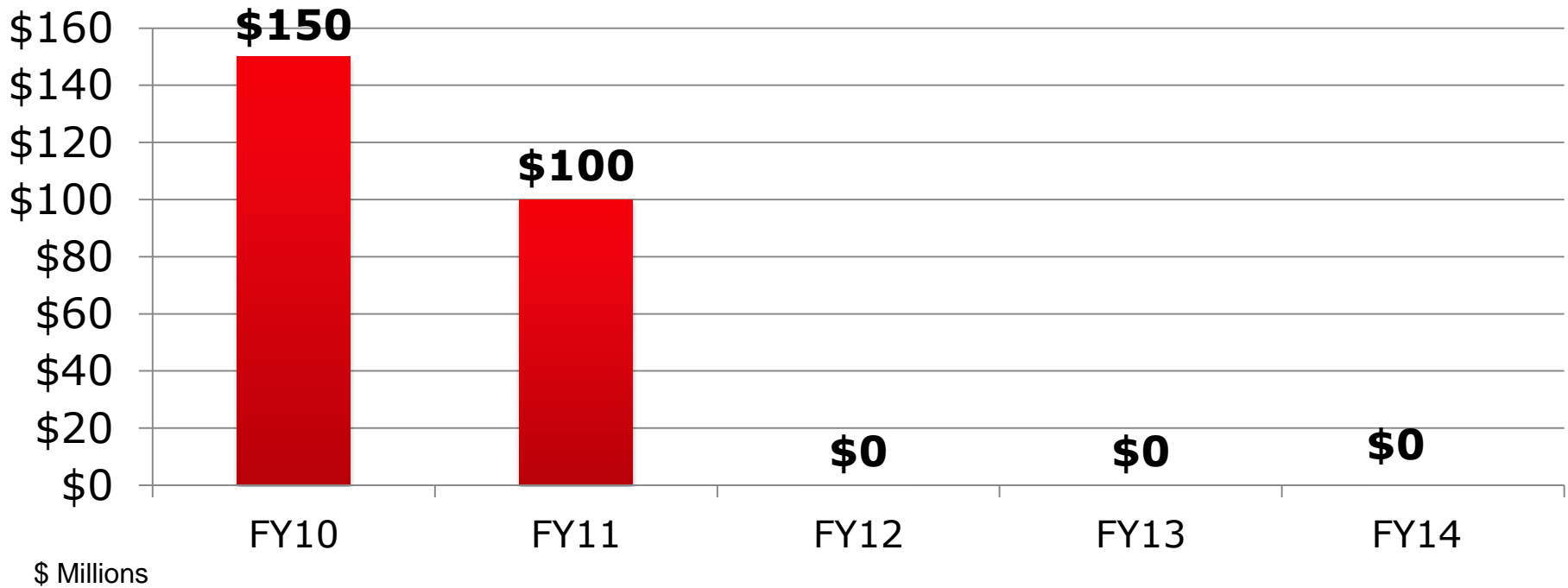
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DOT: TIGER Grants
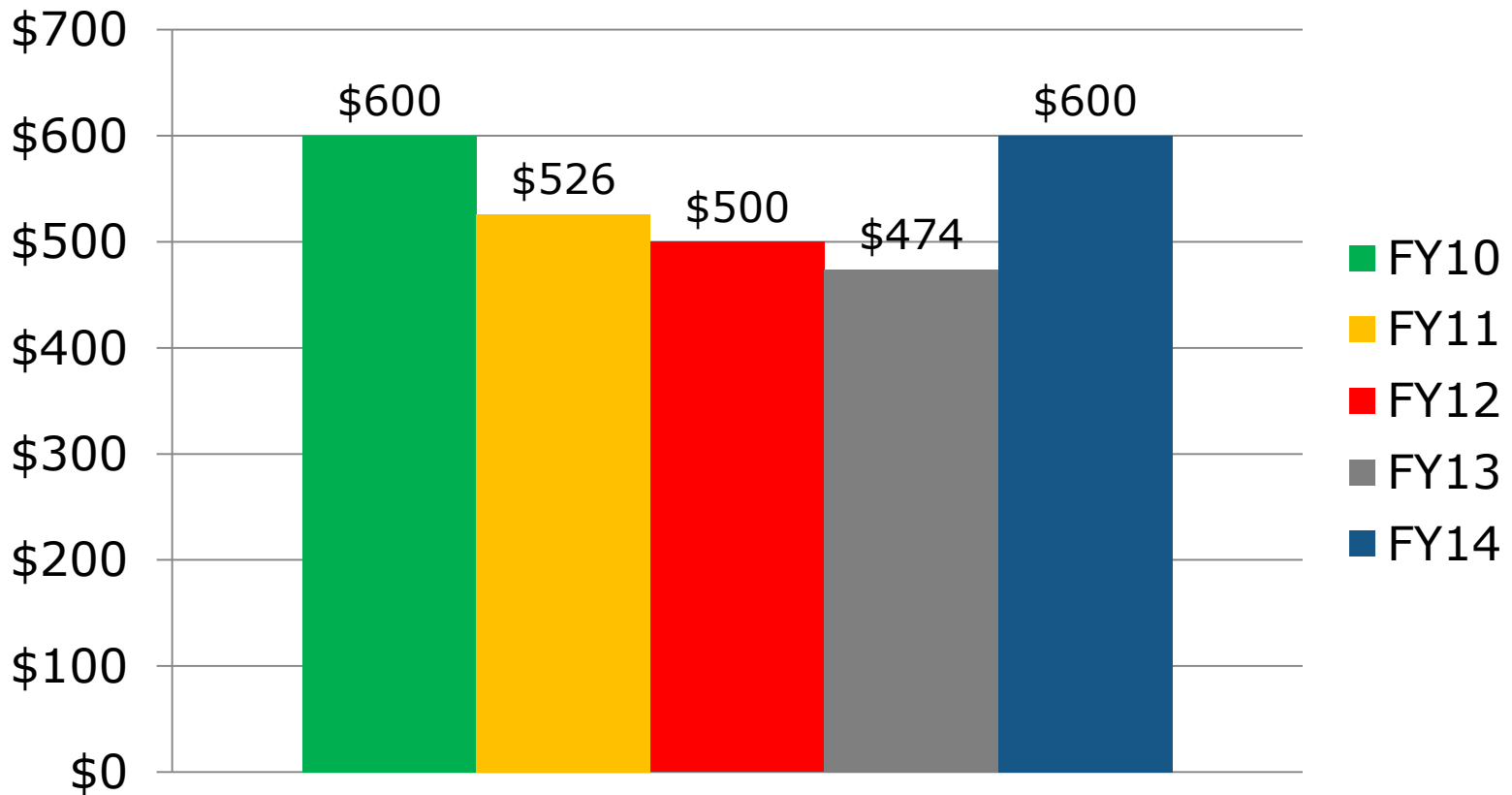
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DOT: New Starts

Capital Investment Grants

Line chart showing Capital Investment Grants (Billions) by fiscal year:
- FY11: ~$1.99
- FY12: ~$1.955
- FY13: ~$1.86
- FY14: ~$1.94

Y-axis: $1.75, $1.80, $1.85, $1.90, $1.95, $2.00

Billions
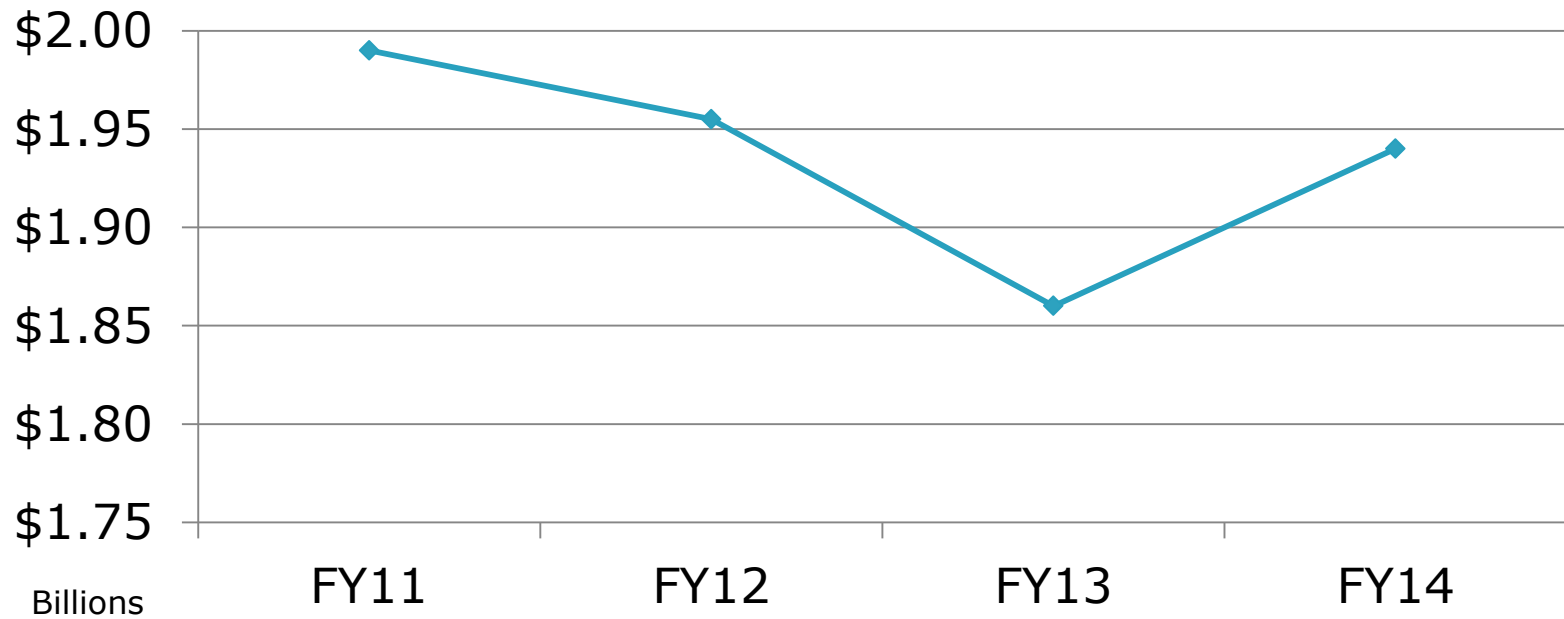
MAP-21 Reauthorization

Expires September 30

CBO, OMB Project Trust Fund Shortfall

Hearings Underway; Leaders Target Policy Bill this Summer

Funding Proposals in Admin Budget; GOP Tax Reform Draft

MAP-21 Reauthorization: President Obama's Proposal Outline

$302B over 4 yrs
- $150b from corp tax reform

TIGER
- Permanent & Expanded
- New Round Open w/ Planning Grants

Boost for Transit and New BRT Fund

Fix-it-First Priority

Resiliency and Planning Provisions

Freight Fund

Maintain TIFIA

Support Performance Measures

Infrastructure Bills to Watch

WRDA

Partnership to Build America Act

Safe Streets Act

New Opportunities for Bike and Ped Infrastructure Act

Commuter Parity Act

UPDATE ACT

Tax Policy Update

Ways & Means Chairman Camp Releases Draft

Action in 2014 Remains Unlikely

Selected Provisions:

$126b for Transportation but No Gas Tax

Private Activity Bonds Eliminated

Cap on Municipal Bond Tax Benefit

No New Markets Tax Credit

Changes in LIHTC

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GRASSROOTS NEWS

CDBG – 40th Anniversary

Funding Allocation
National Sign-On
Letter

Local Success
Stories & Videos

New Online Action Center: Engage

Questions & More Information

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