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Worksession re Briefing from MOA Federal Lobbyist BlankRome Government Relations (BRGR)

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Trump Administration activity – Impacts to MOA/POA – BRGR has Presidential Executive Order tracker & Presidential Nominations tracker.**
- 3. Congressional activity – Impacts to MOA/POA**
 - a. FY25 annual appropriations – Temporary spending authority expires March 14. Much in limbo, e.g., amounts of transportation grant funds, HUD CoC funds, AWWU earmarks, etc.
 - b. FY26 annual appropriations – Process not begun yet. Murkowski earmark deadline Feb 28.
- 4. Budget Resolution v. Budget Reconciliation Bill – The Budget Resolution’s instructions to Congressional committees will determine spending cuts/increases & tax cuts/increases.**
- 5. Surface Transportation Reauthorization 2025/2026 – Major multi-year bill to succeed the IJA. Funds for roads, public transit, etc. Affects ports, too.**
- 6. Port of Alaska Specific Issues**
 - a. \$50m MARAD grant
 - b. \$1.9m EPA grant
 - c. 3 MARAD determinations for Terminals 1 & 2
 - i. EA instead of EIS
 - ii. Advance procurement of pilings permission
 - iii. “Independent utility” of Terminals 1 & 2 (Alaska delegation letter to DOT Secretary Sean Duffy)
 - d. \$367m MARAD lawsuit – Cut to \$11.3m – Motion filed for rehearing en banc
 - e. Future federal grant openings currently in limbo pending Trump Administration reviews.
- 7. Questions & Answers**