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Jeff Davis is a Senior Fellow with the Eno Center for Transportation and is also the Editor of the *Eno Transportation Weekly*. Jeff came to Washington in 1988 to attend The American University and soon began working on Capitol Hill for the ranking minority member of the House Rules Committee. For six years he worked on a wide variety of legislative, budget process oversight and parliamentary procedure issues.

In January 1996 Jeff joined a transportation consulting firm and worked extensively on the FAA, Amtrak and surface transportation reauthorization laws in 1996-1998 as well as various appropriations bills. He founded his own research and consulting business in June 1998 and published *Transportation Weekly*, a news service covering federal transportation and public works, from 1999-2014. He joined the Eno Center in January 2015.

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Jeff Davis has been analyzing federal transportation programs since the mid-1990s, particularly from a budgetary perspective. Many of these programs are unique and cannot be understood without knowing how they have evolved over the last century, which is why the Office of Management and Budget has made his work on the [history of contract authority](#) and [obligation limitations](#) mandatory reading for new transportation analysts.

Many of his weekly articles were widely circulated, including:

- [SAFETEA-LU summary](#) (2005)
- [TW Analysis: “Above-the-Line” Highway Earmarks](#) (2006)
- [ARRA summary](#) (2009)
- [MAP-21 summary](#) (2012)

In addition to weekly analysis of transportation funding and policy developments since 1999, his written work includes:

- [Reagan Devolution: The Real Story of the 1982 Gas Tax Increase](#) (2015)
- [Reagan’s 1987 Highway Bill Veto](#) (2017)
- [History of Mass Transit Discretionary Grants and How They Have Been Funded](#) (2017)
- [Mending or Ending the Highway Trust Fund: The Great Debate of 1978](#) (2018)
- [Ten Years of Highway Trust Fund Bankruptcy: Why Did It Happen, and What Have We Learned](#) (2018)
- [1959: The First Time the HTF Went Broke](#) (2019)