

Pennsylvania Bus Association

June 19, 2023



ABA PRIORITIES

- Bringing the Entire Industry Together
 - Motorcoach, Suppliers, Tour, Travel
- Creating Opportunities for Buyers and Sellers to do Business Together
- Representing the Industry Before Congress, Administration, States and Cities
- Communicating to the Industry and Media
- Education and Training

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Recovery continues to be mixed

2023 Spring Demand VERY Strong – Much more demand than 2020 and 2021, 2022 but less than 2019

Supply is down – 30 percent of motorcoach companies are gone, and maybe as many tour companies

Costs are up (fuel, insurance, parts, vehicles, drivers, etc.)

Rates are up.....impacting travel choices

ECONOMY AND TRAVEL

People appear to be traveling in record numbers....

- The highest rate of group travel since 2019, domestic and inbound.
- U.S. travel is strong, driven by changed vaccine policies, and despite an uncertain economy and uncertainty around the world.
- Overall travel spending was \$101 Billion in April, 4% above 2019, even with 2022.
- Prices are higher.

ECONOMY AND TRAVEL

....but numbers are mixed

- International inbound arrivals slowed
 - Chinese may never return to past levels
- Lodging demand slowed compared to 2019 and 2022
- Overall travel spending remains the same as 2022
- Air travel is above 2022 levels for the same period

MOTORCOACH SALES

ABA Foundation Motorcoach Sales Report Shows First Quarter Growth for New Vehicles in 2023

Q1 data for 2023 shows the strongest first quarter sales since the first quarter of 2020.

New & Pre-owned **Total Sales**

	2022Q1	2023Q1	qoq
Semi/full monocoque, unibody chassis construction	300	352	17.3%
Body on chassis, body on frame or ladder type construction	0	0	0.0%
Total	300	352	17.3%

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Generally

Debt Limit –

- Dodged a bullet!!!
- House took lead – GOP effort to tie to spending cuts
- White House/President delivered House “D” votes

All Focus on FY 2024 Elections

- Presidential
- Congressional
- Governors

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

ABA Priorities

CERTS Tax Fix –

- House bill – H.R. 3510 – bipartisan
 - Reps. Panetta, LaHood, Kelly, Blumenauer, Rose, Golden
- Senate bill – S. 1944 - bipartisan
 - Senators Reed, Blackburn, Collins, Daines, Casey, Shaheen

FY 2024 Appropriations --

- Bus Security Grants - \$2 million

FAA Reauthorization –

- Access
- “Essential Service”

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

ABA Priorities

MISCELLANEOUS

- H.R. 2367/S. 1034 – Truck (CMV) Parking
- H.R. 2450 – CDL tax credit
- H.J. Res. 53/S.J. Res. 11 – Overturn heavy duty engine emission rules, finalized by EPA in December 2022
- GAO review of DOT's role in supporting travel and tourism when making transportation grants
- FMCSA requests for comments on Crash Preventability Determination Program and Vehicle Crash Causation study
- NYC Congestion Pricing (CBD)
- D.C. Union Station future bus parking plan

ADMINISTRATION

Three Pillars

Labor – Environment – DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion)

Labor and Environment

OVERSIZED INFLUENCE

Less Legislative Action in 2023 and 2024, but.....

.....more Administrative Actions, i.e. **REGULATIONS**

ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE ACTIVITY

DOT/FMCSA

- **Crash Preventability** – Notice/comment – due June 12
- **Crash Causation** – Comments due June 26
- **Speed Limiters** – SANPRM, **Await SNPRM – June?**
- **ADS-Equipped CMVs** – SANPRM, published 1/23

DOT/FTA

- **ADA regulations update - imminent**

DHS FEMA/TSA

- **FY 2023 Security Grant Awards** – closed May 18

DOL

- **OT Threshold (W&H)** – **Await NPRM, was expected in May**

TSA

- **Security Vetting Rule** – **Scheduled Service buses only to 8 major cities**

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS

CLEAN TRUCKS/BUSES

- Clean Air Act – grants CA authority to set own standards; others may adopt
- California -
 - 2006 – legislation establishing CA air quality targets
 - 2020 – Advanced Clean Trucks Rule
 - 2023 – Advanced Clean Trucks Regulations
 - Other actions under the plan/anticipated
- EPA -
 - April 2010 – GHG stds (along with CAFE, 1975) cars/light duty
 - August 2011 – set first heavy truck GHG stds (Phase 1)
 - August 2016 – set Phase 2 GHG stds (included buses)
 - E.O. 14037 – *Strengthening American Leadership in Clean Cars and Trucks*
 - August 2021 – “Clean Trucks Plan” – series of 3 rulemakings
 - *December 2022 – finalized engine emissions rule*
 - *April 2023 – proposed 2 additional, one of which is GHG for MY 2028-2032 and later heavy-duty trucks (Phase 3 GHG stds)*

NYC Congestion Pricing Plan

- Entering Final Stage

Washington DC Union Station

- Remodel, New Stage, Comments due July 6

Research

- Census is underway – Essential data!
- Economic Impact Updated
- Emissions and Efficiency Study – Update coming
- Electric and Hydrogen Buses Study – Why Not?

Scholarships

- 21 scholarships for 2023/24
- 23 scholarships in 2024 (2-mechanics/drivers)

SAFETY MEETINGS

- **BISC/BusMARC – Summer 2023 Meeting**
 - July 25-27, Orlando
 - New sponsors; Expanded Format; Cool Speakers
 - Offsite: ABC Companies & Empire Coach
- **BISC West – November 7, Reno**
- **BISC/BusMARC – Winter 2024 Meeting**
 - January 14-16, Nashville
 - Offsite: Prevost & TBD

ABA'S MARKETPLACE

The industry's the most comprehensive motorcoach,
tour and travel show!



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START YOUR MARKETPLACE EXPERIENCE
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



JANUARY **DOWNTOWN**
13-16 **NASHVILLE**
Music City Center



Questions or Comments?

Thank you

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