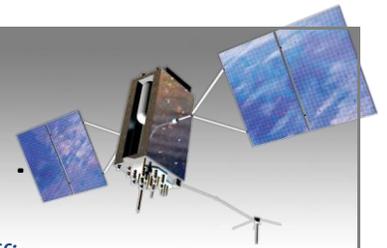


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Senate Appropriators Recommend \$64M Cut to GPS Modernization Program

The Senate Appropriations Committee passed its defense spending bill (H.R. 2219) on September 15, cutting FY 2012 funds from the next-generation GPS space and control segments. The bill would cut \$40 million in advance procurement of GPS III satellite components and \$24 million for development of the Next Generation Operational Control System (OCX).

FY 2012 Line Item	Request	Committee Mark	Difference
Procurement: GPS IIF Satellites	\$67.689 million	\$67.689 million	0
Procurement: GPS III Satellites	\$515.337 million	\$475.337 million	-\$40 million
Procurement: Other	\$7.6 million	\$7.6 million	0
Development: GPS IIF and Control Segment	\$17.893 million	\$17.893 million	0
Development: GPS III Satellites	\$463.081 million	\$463.081 million	0
Development: Next Generation Control Segment	\$390.889 million	\$366.889 million	-\$24 million
TOTAL	\$1.462 billion	\$1.398 billion	-\$64 million

Civil GPS Line Items in Jeopardy Under Current FY 2012 Funding Bills

House and Senate appropriators have recommended deep cuts to DOT's GPS line item, which pays for civil-unique elements of GPS modernization. The House THUD bill would slash \$31.3 million from the \$50.3 million account, while the Senate version (S. 1596) proposes a \$14.3 million reduction. The House bill would also strip \$40.5 million from FAA's Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS), an enhancement for aviation safety, while the Senate bill would cut \$15.5 million. The House bill calls for a \$3.5 million decrease of the Nationwide Differential GPS (NDGPS) program, a terrestrial augmentation, but the Senate bill fully funds it. To view all GPS funding bills moving through Congress, visit <http://www.pnt.gov/policy/legislation/funding/2012.shtml>.

GPS Receives Accolade for Global Benefits to Humanity



On October 4, the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) bestowed its 60th Anniversary Award to the GPS program in recognition of the global benefits to humanity that GPS has achieved. "In addition to being a vital asset for our military and our nation, GPS is an international treasure that enables countless economic transactions,"

said Air Force Under Secretary Erin Conatin. Gen. William Shelton, Commander of Air Force Space Command, received the award on behalf of the United States at the International Astronautical Congress in Cape Town, South Africa.

Congress to Hold Fourth LightSquared-GPS Hearing

The House Small Business Committee has scheduled an October 12 hearing to examine the potential impacts of the planned LightSquared 4G network on commercial GPS users. Witnesses from the Agriculture Retailers Association, Aircraft Electronics Association, and Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association will testify.



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