



International Right of Way Association Weekly Update

Monday, December 9, 2019

The White House

- The White House transmitted to Speaker Pelosi for her review proposed revisions to the USMCA, the successor agreement to NAFTA currently being negotiated by the United States, Mexico, and Canada. This represents a significant milestone in the negotiations and signals that the parties could finalize a deal this month.
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-12-08/mexico-chief-trade-negotiator-to-communicate-red-lines-to-u-s>

Congress

- Both Chambers are in session this week.
- The House is expected to introduce articles of impeachment this week.
<https://www.politico.com/news/2019/12/09/impeachment-hearings-schedule-guide-077382>

Analysis

- It is a familiar refrain, but impeachment is dominating the news cycle and all other priorities in Congress are secondary to this issue at the moment. And while the House navigates these historic proceedings, the government funding deadline of next Friday night is rapidly approaching and Congress and the White House are no closer to resolution of the issue than they were before the last extension prior to Thanksgiving.