P.L. 114-94
Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act

Key Highway Provisions and Freight Provisions

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FAST Act

- Signed by President Obama on December 4, 2015
- First long-term authorization act in a decade
- Result of bipartisan cooperation and compromise
- Provides 5 years of funding certainty for infrastructure planning and investment
- Authorizes $305 B (all modes) over FY 2016-2020
- $70 B in transfers to keep the Highway Trust Fund solvent; fully “paid for” (offset) by unrelated savings
$305 B (all modes) over FY2016-2020

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<th>Program</th>
<th>5-Year Funding (billions)</th>
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<td>Federal Highway Administration</td>
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<td>Federal Transit Administration</td>
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<td>Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration</td>
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<td>Federal Railroad Administration</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Key Highway Facts

- $226.3 B for highways over five years (FY 2016-2020)
  - $225.2 B in contract authority
  - $1.1 B from the General Fund

- Builds on the program structure and reforms of MAP-21
- Continued focus on accelerating project delivery
- Adds a new freight formula and expands freight network
- Adds a new discretionary program for nationally significant freight and highway projects
- Provides a new tribal self-governance option
APPORTIONED PROGRAMS
## Growth Varies by Program

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<th>Program</th>
<th>Avg. Annual Funding (millions)</th>
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<td>National Highway Performance Program</td>
<td>$ 23,280</td>
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<td>Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (net of TA &amp; Rec Trails)</td>
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<td>Congestion Mitigation &amp; Air Quality Improvement</td>
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<td>Highway Safety Improvement Program</td>
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<td>Metropolitan Planning</td>
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92% of Highway Funds Are Apportioned

National Highway Freight Program

Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program

Metro Planning

Grade Crossings

Rec Trails

Transportation Alternatives

CMAQ

HSIP

$207.4 B over 5 years
FREIGHT PROVISIONS
National Highway Freight Program | NEW

- $1.2 B / year (average), apportioned to States by formula
- Eligible activities include construction, operational improvements, freight planning and performance measures
- Highway focus, but $\leq 10\%$ for rail/port/intermodal projects
- No State freight plan, no freight formula $ (beginning FY 2018)
- Federal share is determined under 23 USC 120
- Repeals special Federal share for freight projects
Natl. Significant Freight & Hwy. Projects | NEW

• $900 M/year (average) for competitive grants or TIFIA loans for projects >$100 M (reduced for States w/ small programs)

• Eligible activities:
  • Highway freight projects on National Highway Freight Network
  • NHS highway/bridge projects, projects in National Scenic Areas
  • Freight rail/intermodal/port projects (≤$500 M over 5-year period)
  • Rail-highway grade crossing or grade separation projects

• States, large MPOs, Tribes, localities, and FLMAAs may apply

• OST selects projects; Congress has 60 days to disapprove

• Set-asides for rural areas and projects below cost threshold
Other Freight Provisions

- Freight policy goals and multi-modal national freight strategic plan
- State freight plans (required) & advisory committees (encouraged)
- National multimodal freight network

National Highway Freight Network, to include:
- Primary Highway Freight System (PHFS); initially 41K miles
- Critical rural freight corridors identified by States
- Critical urban freight corridors with State-MPO consultation
- Portions of Interstate System not included in the PHFS

- Highway network re-designated every 5 years (w/up to 3% growth)
ENGAGING FREIGHT STAKEHOLDERS
Importance of Freight Planning and Public Involvement

- Ensure freight transportation needs are addressed in the planning, programming, and operation of transportation system.

- Represent the needs and requirements of freight transportation to the public, elected officials, and other public agencies and organizations.
Freight Advisory Committees

- Facilitate the participation of private sector freight stakeholders in transportation planning process
- Ensure that freight transportation needs are addressed in the transportation planning, programming processes
- Facilitate safe and efficient movement of freight
- Input on prioritizing freight investments by identifying high priority and strategic freight transportation projects
So…Why is Freight Planning and Stakeholder involvement important?
There Are Key Issues of Interest

Economic Development

Congestion

Capacity

Financing and Funding Projects

Environmental Concerns

Security Concerns
So…What do freight stakeholders have to offer each other?
Public and private sector can offer...

- Mutual understanding
  - Processes
  - Needs
- Political and public support
- Trust – an opportunity to build bridges
- Access to data, information plans, and feedback
How to stay engaged?
...Finding Common Ground

- Planning and Policy
- Design and Construction
- Operations and Maintenance
- Oversight and Revenue Collection
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- Freight Management and Operations:

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