

The Development of Federal Surface Transportation Authorization Legislation

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

- Largest Committee in Congress
- Primary Jurisdiction Over Authorizing Public Works Programs
- Subcommittee on Highways and Transit
one of six subcommittees

Federal Surface Transportation Programs

- Establishes All Requirements, Authorities, Conditions, Eligibilities for:
 - Federal Highway Administration
 - Federal Transit Administration
 - National Highway Safety Administration
 - Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
 - Research, Innovation and Technology Administration

Current Number of Programs: 108

Interstate Maintenance Program	Operation Lifesaver	Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands
Interstate Maintenance Discretionary Program	Rail-Highway X-ing Hazard Elim. in High Speed Rail Corridors	Alternatives Analysis
National Highway System	Equity Bonus Program	University Transportation Centers Program (FTA)
Alaska Highway	Revenue Aligned Budget Authority	Over the Road Bus Program/Over the Road Bus Accessibility
Territorial Highway Program	Transportation, Community, and System Preservation Program	National Fuel Cell Technology Development Program
Bridge Program	Indian Reservation Road Bridges	Motor Carrier Safety Grants
Bridge Setaside for Designated Projects	Truck Parking Facilities	Motor Carrier Administrative Expenses
Off-system Bridges	Freight Intermodal Distribution Pilot Grant Program	Commercial Driver's License Program Improvement Grants
Surface Transportation Program	Delta Region Transportation Development Program	Border Enforcement Grants
On-the-Job Training/Supportive Services	Work Zone Safety Grants	Performance and Registration Information System Management Grant Program
DBE Training	Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Amendments	Commercial Vehicle Information Systems and Networks Deployment
Transportation Enhancements	Value Pricing Pilot Program	Safety Data Improvement Grants
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program	National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation	Commercial Driver's License Information System Modernization
Highway Safety Improvement Program	Additional Authorization of Contract Authority for States with Indian Reservations (Sec. 1214(d)(5)(A) of TEA-21)	Chapter 55 of 49 USC, Intermodal Transportation
Elimination of Hazards & Installation of Protective Devices at RR X-ings	Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program	State and Community Highway Safety Grants
Protective Devices	Grant Program to Prohibit Racial Profiling	Highway Safety Research and Development
High Risk Rural Roads	Transportation Projects	Occupant Protection Incentive Grants
Appalachian Development Highway System	Denali Access System Program	Safety Belt Performance Grants
Recreational Trails Program	Surface Transportation Research Program	State Traffic Safety Information System Improvements
Metropolitan Planning	Training and Education	Alcohol-Impaired Driving Countermeasures Incentive Grant Program
Emergency Relief	Bureau of Transportation Statistics	National Driver Register
Indian Reservation Roads	University Transportation Research	High Visibility Enforcement
Park Roads and Parkways	Intelligent Transportation Systems Research	Motorcyclist Safety
Refuge Roads	Metropolitan Planning (FTA)	Child Safety and Child Booster Seat Safety Incentive Grants
Public Lands Highways	Statewide Planning (FTA)	Administrative Expenses for Programs under Chapter 4 of 23 USC)
Public Lands Discretionary	Urbanized Area Formula Grants	Amtrak
Forest Highways	Clean Fuels Grant Program	High Speed Ground Transportation
National Corridor Infrastructure Improvement Program	Major Capital Investments (New Starts)	Railroad Relocation
Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program	Major Capital Investments (Small Starts)	Railroad Research and Development
National Scenic Byways Program	Fixed Guideway Modernization	Railroad Safety
Construction of Ferry Boats and Ferry Terminal Facilities	Bus and Bus Facilities	RRIF
Puerto Rico Highway Program	Formula Grants for Special Needs for Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities	
Projects of National and Regional Significance	Nonrurbanized Area Formula Grants	
High Priority Projects Program	Rural Transit Assistance Program	
Safe Routes to School Program	Public Transportation on Indian Reservations	
Deployment of Magnetic Levitation Transportation Projects	Transit Cooperative Research Program	
Highways for LIFE		
Highway Use Tax Evasion Projects		
National Research & Technology Program		
Job Access and Reverse Commute Program		
New Freedom Program		

Why Should You Care?

- Surface Transportation Legislation Establishes:
 - Transportation Infrastructure Market
 - Funding - \$52 billion in fiscal year 2009
 - Types of Projects and Activities Funded
 - Program Requirements
 - Quality Based Selection
 - Design and Inspection Standards and Regulations

Current Authorization

- Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)
 - \$286.5 billion – Expired September 30, 2009
 - Status Quo Bill
 - Primary Themes – Equity and Earmarks
 - State Rate of Return
 - Explosion of Earmarks

Underinvestment in Highway, Bridge and Transit Infrastructure

- National Surface Transportation Revenue and Policy Commission
 - \$225 billion needed annually over the next 50 years.
- American Society of Civil Engineers
 - Highway and Bridges - \$930 billion needed over the next 5 years.
 - Transit - \$265 billion needed over the next 5 years.

End of “TEA” Era

- Most Important – Most Difficult
- Re-establish National Vision and Sense of Purpose for the Program.
- New Challenges
 - Highway Safety
 - Freight and Goods Movement
 - Traffic Congestion
 - Asset Preservation
 - Sustainability and Livability
 - Performance and Accountability
 - Future Financing and Revenue

Surface Transportation Authorization Act

- \$500 Billion Multimodal Authorization
- Move from Prescriptive Stovepipes to Performance-based Programs Focused on Outcomes
 - Asset Preservation
 - Safety
 - Congestion – Mobility and Access for People and Freight
 - Livability and Sustainability
- Expedite Project Delivery

Challenges to Completing Bill

- Perfect Storm:
 - Need for programmatic change
 - New Administration
 - Political Environment
 - The Senate
 - **Revenue!!**

How Does Bill Come Together?

THE PAST 1956-'77

- I-SYST: 90-10 HTF
- Primary } 50-50
- Secondary } Gen Reus
- Rural }

1978-'91

- I-Syst: 90-10 HTF
- P/S/R: 70-30 HTF

ISTEA/TEA-21/SAFETEA 1991-2005

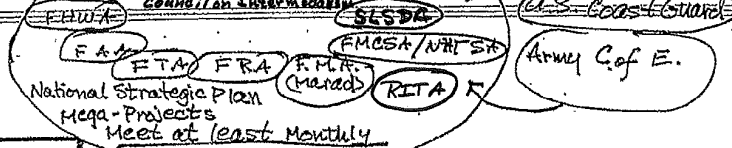
- NHS — 80-20
 - I-SYST
 - NHS (P/S/R)
 - Safety
 - MPO
 - Mega-projects
 - SR25
 - Bridge

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THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION

DOT

• ASST SEC/OT Undersec - Intermodalism
• Council on Intermodality



TODAY

108 CATEGORIES FOR HT Funding

THE FUTURE > 4 MAJOR FORMULA PROGRAMS

0 CRITICAL ASSET INVESTMENT

I-Paint Hwy - BRIDGE
NHS

Smaller Formula Progs.

- SRTS
- Rec. Trails
- Ferry Boats (now discr. - convert to FOMM)

0 HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT

Rural Rd Safety Motorcycle Safety
R.G. Xing etc.

New: Freight Improvement Formula - NHS + Ru Rds

0 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROG

Enhancements - 10% set-aside
MPO Sub-Allocations - based on Population

PROBLEM - EQUITY BONUS

- Is The Largest Hwy prog
- Retain as some form of equity

0 CONGESTION MITIGATION + AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

15% of Hwy miles - in urban
50% of VMT

(Discretionary →)

Role of Outside Groups

- Two National Commission Report
- Think Tanks
- Public Sector
- Universities
- Trade Associations and Coalitions
- Lobbyist

Questions?