

FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT OVERVIEW

Regional Transportation Council



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FAST Act Overview

Signed into Law December 4, 2015

Effective October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2020

Authorizes Surface Transportation Programs with \$305B over Five Years (FY16-20)

- 5% Increase for Highway Programs in FY2016, 2% Increase FY17-20
- 8% Increase for Transit Programs in FY2016, 2% Increase FY17-20

Funding

Program	Funding Totals
Federal Highway Administration	\$226.3B
Federal Transit Programs	\$61.1B
Federal Railroad Administration and Amtrak	\$10.3B
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	\$4.7B
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration	\$3.2B
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration	\$0.4B

\$305B Total Funding for FY16-20

**\$7.5B Rescission of Unobligated Balances in FY20,
Spread Among States**

Federal Highway Program

MPO Planning

TIP and Plan Must Include Intermodal Facilities that Support Intercity Transportation, Intercity Buses and Facilities, Commuter Vanpool Programs

New Planning Factors to Consider:

- System Resiliency and Reliability
- Natural Disaster Risk Reduction and Travel/Tourism

New, Optional Congestion Management Plan



Federal Highway Program

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP)

- Surface Transportation Program (STP) is Renamed
- Amount Sub-allocated to MPOs Increases, 51-55%
- Set-Asides for Previous TAP Programs and Recreational Trails

STBGP Set-Aside

- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), No Longer Called TAP
- State/MPO 50/50 Allocation Continues, MPOs May Use 50% of TAP Funds for any Purpose Under the STBGP



Federal Highway Program

Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects

- New Competitive Grant Program, Average \$900M/Year
- States, Large MPOs, Localities May Apply
- For Highway Freight Projects, Highway or Bridge Projects, Intermodal Facilities, Grade Crossings

National Highway Freight Program

- New Formula Program, Average \$1.2B/Year
- Highway Focus, 10% for Rail/Port/Intermodal Projects
- FHWA to Establish a National Highway Freight Network with MPO/State Consultation

Federal Highway Program

Project Delivery

- New Specific Time Frames for Notices and Reviews
- Allows States to Assume Responsibilities of USDOT Secretary in Review Process

TIFIA

- Funding Cut 71%, Significant Balance Remains
- Expanded to Include Transportation Oriented Development, Rural Projects

Federal Transit Program

Bus and Bus Facilities (5339)

- Funding Increase
- Bus Discretionary Program Reinstated, Low- or No-Emission Bus Set-aside
- New Pilot Program for Cost-Effective Capital Investment

Positive Train Control (PTC)

- Provides \$199M in One-Time Funding for PTC Implementation by Commuter Railroads

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