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Outline

- SAFETEA-LU Implementation Activities
- Emerging Implementation Issues
- Moving Towards Reauthorization
- Questions?
SAFETEA-LU Resources and Tools

- Expanded Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSI P)
- Focus on High Risk Rural Roads
- State Strategic Highway Safety Plans
- 10% flex provision
SAFETEA-LU Resources and Tools (continued)

- NHTSA - more 402 resources and new incentive programs
- Safe Routes to School program
- Work zone safety provisions
- Motorcycle provisions
- Etc.
Strategic Highway Safety Plans

- Completed in all 50 States and DC
- Focus now on implementation
- Key Implementation issues
  - Keeping stakeholders engaged
  - Data concerns
  - Connecting resource allocations and projects to problems and strategies
  - Maintaining senior leadership support
Other Issues

- Obligation rates
- Improving data quality
- Need for program streamlining / additional flexibility
- How do we put programs on more of a performance basis?
- Increasing the emphasis on rural safety
- Maintaining a strong R&T program
Moving Towards Reauthorization

- Detailed evaluations of issues / programs underway
- Recommendations from SAFETEA-LU Commissions forthcoming
- Options being developed / evaluated internally
- Path forward still somewhat unsettled
Closing Thoughts
Questions?