Federal Insights for Rural Transportation Safety

Rural Transportation Safety Conference

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A Time of Changes...

- Change in the Price of Gas
- Change in VMT
- Change in Fatalities
- Change in the Trust Fund Balance
- Change in Economy
The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

Enacted
February 17, 2009
### ARRA - $787 Billion

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ARRA Highlights

Signed into law on February 17, 2009

Provides $48.1 billion for transportation, including:

- $27.5 billion for highways
- $8.4 billion for transit
- $8.0 billion for high speed rail
- $1.3 billion for Amtrak
- $1.5 billion for National Surface Transportation Discretionary Grants

Significant accountability, transparency and reporting requirements
SAFETEA-LU and ARRA

$40 B
SAFETEA-LU
FY 09

$27.5 B
ARRA
Distribution of Highway Funds Under ARRA

Appropriation for Highways $27.5B

Other Allotments- $840M

Remainder Apportioned to States $26.6B

Transportation Enhancements = 3%

Sub-Allocation for Areas Based on Population = 30%

For Any Area of the State = 67%

For Individual Urbanized Areas over 200,000 by % of Population

For Areas with Population ≤ 200,000

For Areas with Population ≤ 5,000
Safety and the Recovery Act

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will enable our nation to rebuild, retool and revitalize the vast network of roads, tunnels, bridges, rail systems, airports and waterways that we have long depended on to keep the economy moving and growing…

Above all, we must keep these assets safe for all travelers. Where public safety is concerned, there is no room for compromise. By investing in roads… we can save…men and women who lose their lives each year due to bad roads and driving conditions.

– President Barack Obama

March 3, 2009 – Washington DC
ARRA Opportunities for Safety

1. Building safety into all Recovery Act projects
2. Work zone safety
3. Low-cost, system-wide improvements
4. Priority to projects that generate significant improvements in safety
Please slow down my mommy works here. Thanks Bobby
Putting their lives on the line...
Types of safety projects that are eligible for ARRA funds:

- “Highway and transit safety infrastructure improvements and programs, hazard eliminations…”
- Sign and guardrail replacement
- Projects on local roads and minor rural collectors
- Projects on High Risk Rural Roads
- Projects eligible for HSIP funding
- Data Collection and Analysis
Sample ARRA Safety Projects
Making it Happen

$11.8 Billion have already been obligated
3430 projects…44% of the funding
Challenges...Lessons

- Public Perceptions and Expectations
- Increased Accountability and Transparency
- Better Investment Decisions
- Finding New Sources of Revenue
- Demonstrating performance and outcomes
Reauthorization

Money, Money, Money

– “No Gas Tax Increase”
– No VMT Tax
– General Fund?

More Focused Program

Performance Driven

Other factors…
ACT NOW!
### HSIP 2009 Obligations

#### through March 31, 2009

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<td>$ 4,722</td>
<td>$ 356</td>
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<td>HRRR</td>
<td>$ 359</td>
<td>$ 24</td>
<td>$ 89</td>
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<td>Rail/Highway Crossings</td>
<td>$ 8,755</td>
<td>$ 118</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 5,956</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 498</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 3,034</strong></td>
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Improving Rural Safety

Institutional Challenges
- Local road system vs. Locally owned roads
- State distribution of funds to address local needs
- Accountability and Risks

Data
- Collection and analyses
- Data driven decisions

Appropriate solutions
Your Role is Critical

- **Leadership** - Build your State’s Safety Culture; promote viable solutions
- **Fostering Partnerships** - Be the Ideal Partner... look for opportunities to strengthen your partnerships
- **Make It Happen** - Keep focused on Results; regularly share knowledge and experiences