

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

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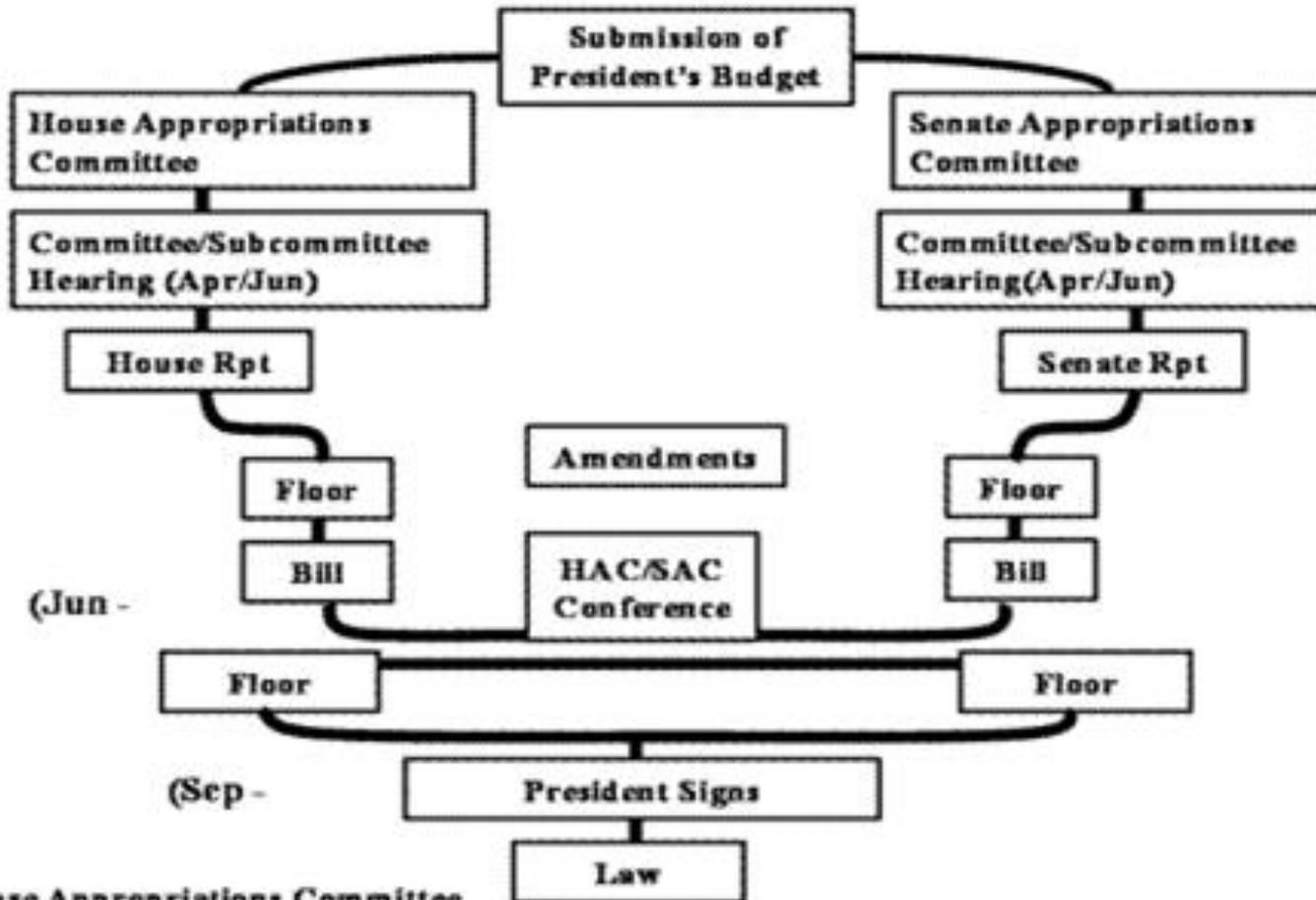
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- Characteristics of the Federal-Aid Highway Program (FAHP)
- Congressional Authorization and Appropriation Process – Reauthorization?
- FHWA's Role and Responsibility in the FAHP
- Every Day Counts (EDC)
- DA Comments

Characteristics of the Federal-Aid Highway Program

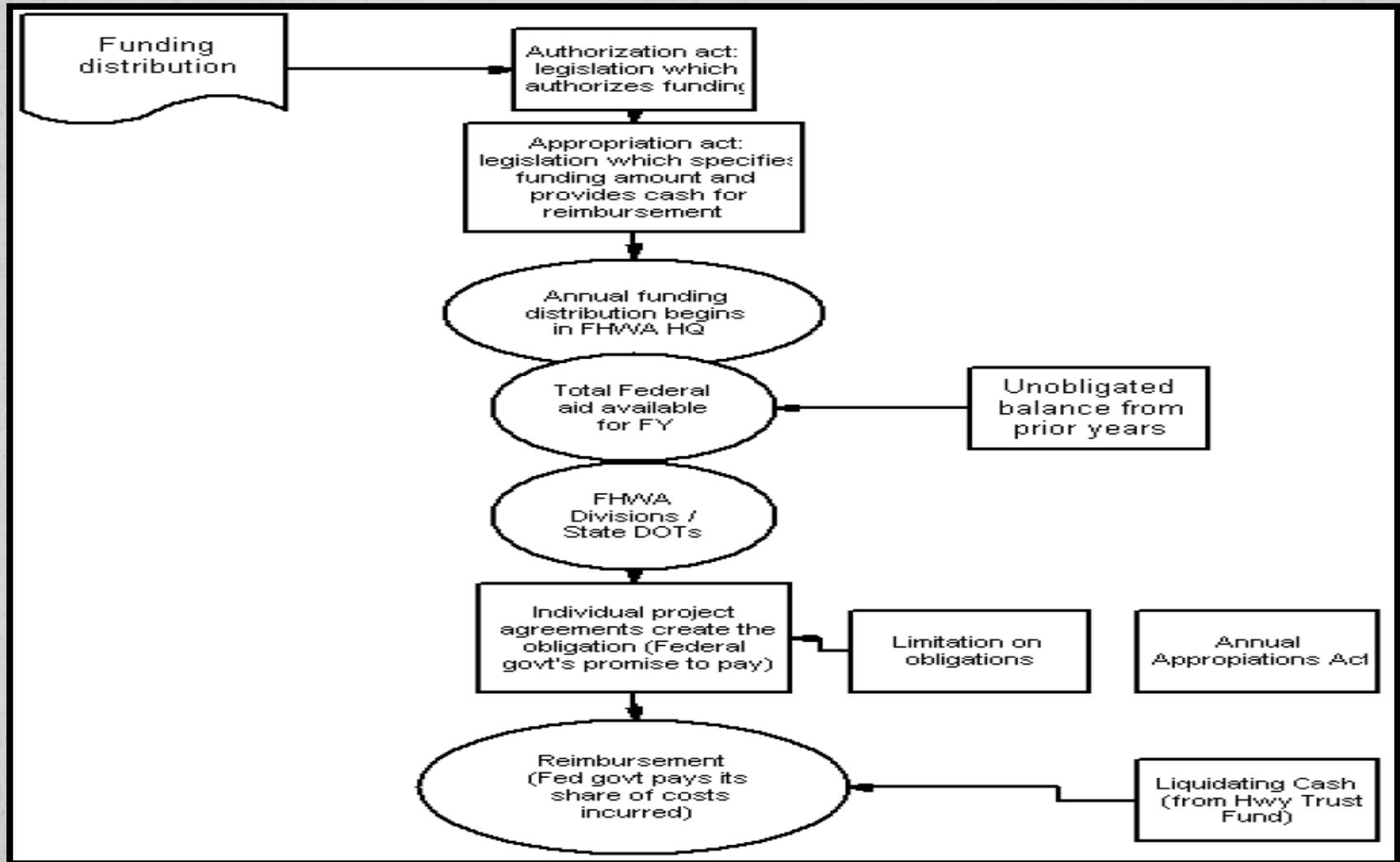
- ✓ Federally-Assisted, State-Administered
- ✓ Funding Tied to Specific Systems
- ✓ Requires States to Have a Highway Agency
- ✓ States Pay For Maintenance

Congressional Authorization and Appropriation Process



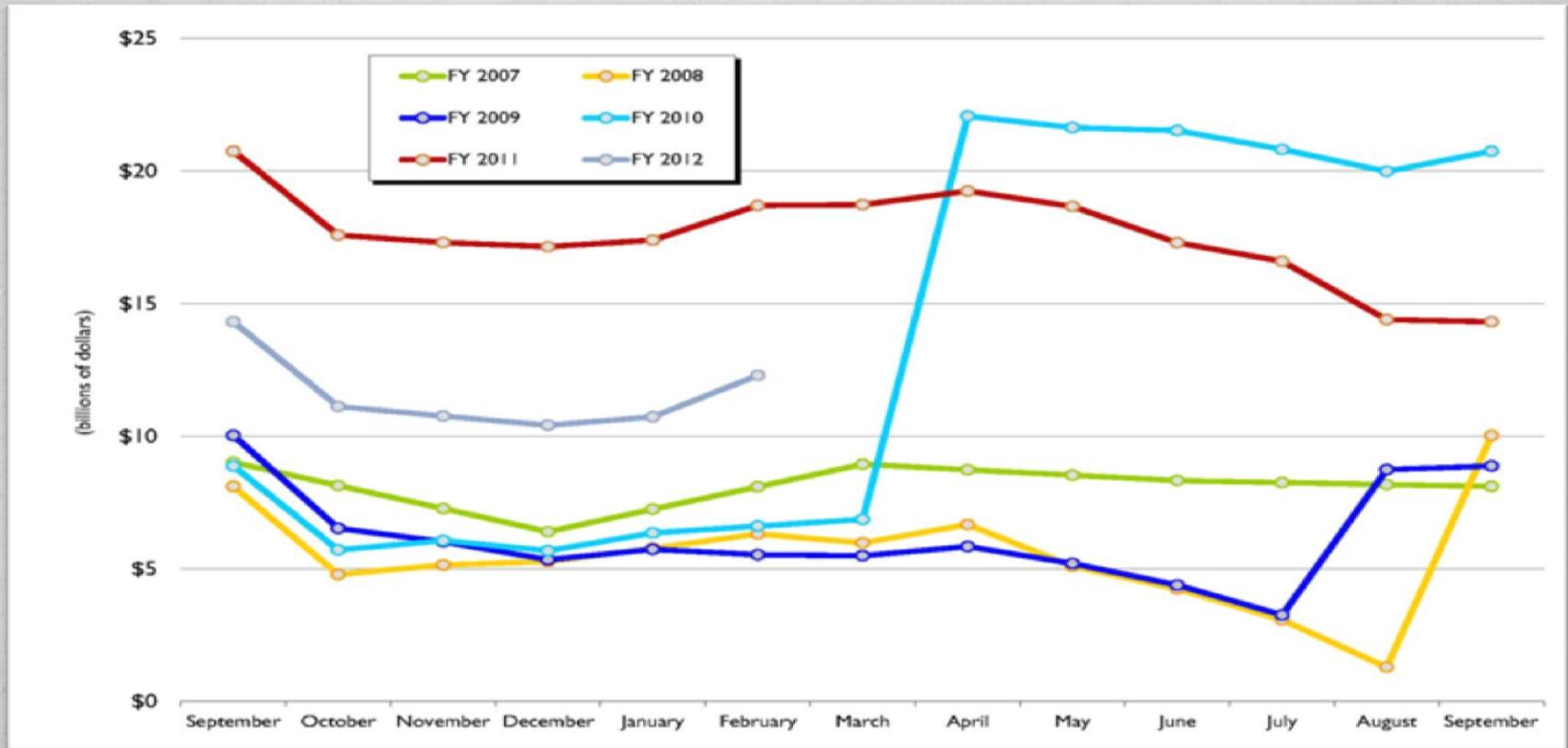
HAC – House Appropriations Committee
SAC – Senate Appropriations Committee

Funding Distribution Process

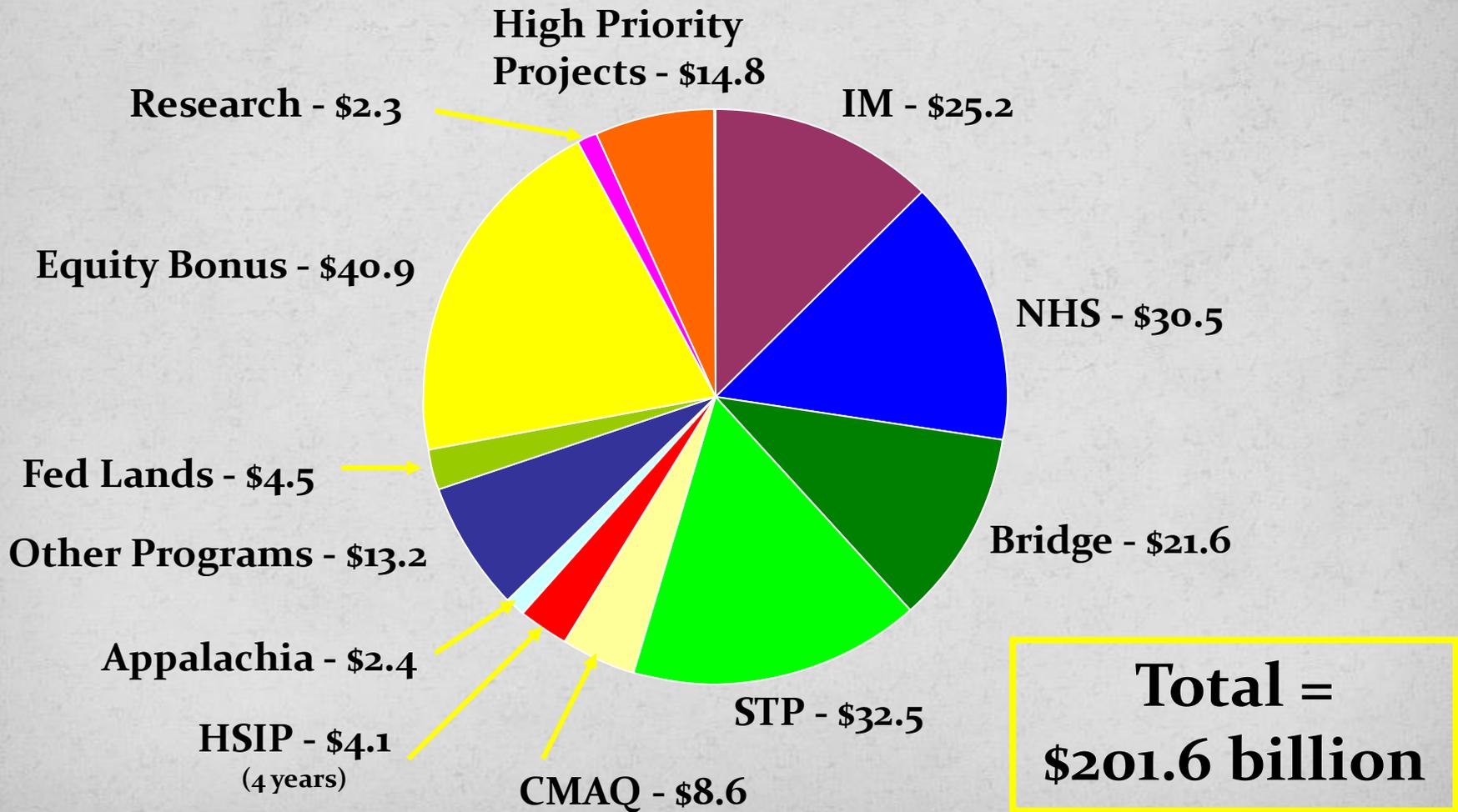


Status of the Highway Trust Fund (HTF)

- HTF Exists to Fund Construction of the Interstate Highway System and to Support the Components of the FAHP.

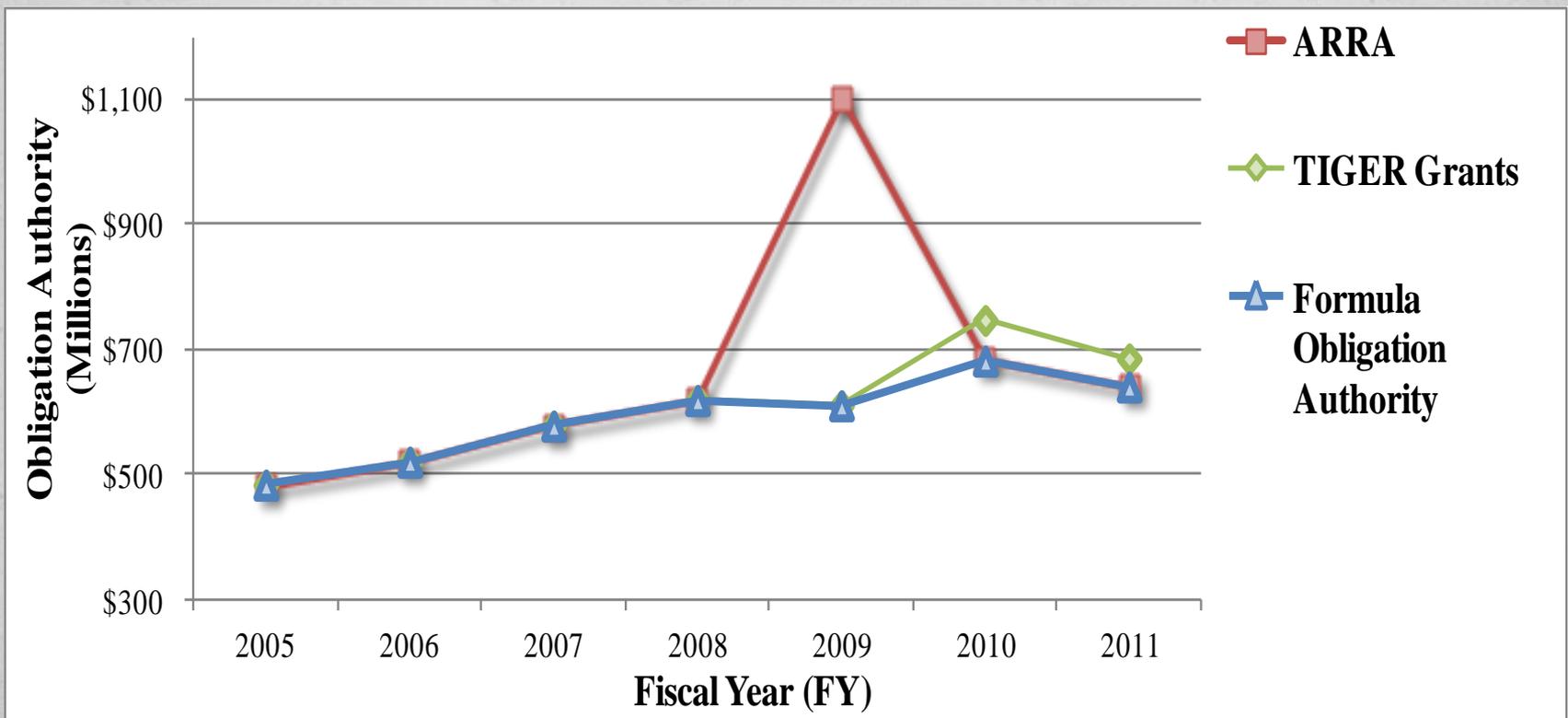


Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (Before \$8.5B Rescission)



Washington Obligation Authority (OA) - SAFETEA-LU (FY 2005-2011)

- In FY 2011, Washington State obligated \$640,770,913 in formula and discretionary Federal-Aid Funds.



Reauthorization??

- Most likely the new Authorization will “Collapse” many of the programs.

MAP-21 (Proposed Legislation)	SAFETEA-LU (Current Law)
National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)	NHS, IM, & Bridge (portion)
Transportation Mobility Program (TMP)	STP & Bridge (portion)
Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)	CMAQ + TE, Recreational Trails, and Safe Routes to School
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	HSIP, Rail-Highway Grade Crossings, High Risk Rural Roads
National Freight Program (NFP)	---

- 9th Extension expires on 6/30/2012

FHWA's Role and Responsibility in the FAHP

- ✓ Review and Approve State Proposals
- ✓ Promulgate Guidance and Best Practices For Initiating and Managing Projects
- ✓ Provide Oversight and Guidance on Projects
- ✓ Reimburse States For Eligible Expenses

Stewardship and Oversight

- **Stewardship:** FHWA's responsibility for the development and implementation of the Federal-Aid Highway Program (FAHP)
- **Oversight:** Ensure the implementation of the FAHP is done in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies.
- **Implementation of Stewardship and Oversight:** Annually, we conduct project inspections, program evaluations, systematic reviews, and financial audits of WSDOT and local agencies.
 - In FY 2011 we conducted over 120 reviews / inspections / audits of WSDOT's procedures and practices in project development and implementation.
 - <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/wadiv/preports/fy11.htm>

Every Day Counts (EDC)

- EDC Is Designed to Identify and Deploy Innovation Aimed at Shortening Project Delivery, Enhancing the Safety of Our Roadways, and Protecting the Environment.
- EDC Initiatives:
 - Accelerating Technology and Innovation Deployment
 - Shortening Project Delivery





EDC Initiatives



Accelerating Technology Deployment

- Safety Edge
- Warm Mix Asphalt
- Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil
- Adaptive Signal Control
- Prefabricated Bridge Elements and Systems



Shortening Project Delivery

- Planning and Environmental Linkages
- Programmatic Agreements
- Mitigation Banking
- In Lieu Fees
- Legal Sufficiency
- Scope of Preliminary Design
- Utility Accommodation
- Flexibilities in Right of Way
- Enhanced Technical Assistance
- Design Build
- Construction Manager /General Contractor

EDC in Washington State

Accelerating Technology Deployment

- Safety Edge – locals
- Warm-Mix Asphalt – WSDOT permissive spec
- Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil (GRS) – WSDOT with modifications
- Adaptive Signal Control – locals
- Prefabricated Bridge Elements & Systems – WSDOT

Shortening Project Delivery

- Programmatic Agreements – WSDOT
- Mitigation Banking – WSDOT and locals
- In-Lieu Fees – local interested
- Legal Sufficiency – WSDOT
- Flexibilities in Right-of-Way – WSDOT and locals
- Enhanced Technical Assistance – WSDOT
- Design-Build – WSDOT and locals

EDC II initiatives to be announced in next couple of weeks

DA Comments

- The announcement for the 4th Round of Tiger is expected shortly
 - Tiger Grant Program receives positive feedback from Congress
- Waiting to hear on results from the Transportation, Community and System Preservation (TCSP) Program and Public Lands Highways Discretionary (PLHD) Program Applications.

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