

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)

ETAT D3 Meeting
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Introduction:

SAFETEA-LU expired on 9/30/09

10 extensions (final one from 7/1/12 - 7/6/12)

- Strong bipartisan vote for 27-month transportation bill
 - Passed 373-52 in the House
 - Passed 74-19 in the Senate
- Includes major non-transportation provisions:
 - Extension of 3.4% interest rates for student loans
 - Reauthorization of flood insurance program

MAP-21 themes:

1. Strengthens America's highway and public transportation systems
2. Supports the Department's aggressive safety agenda
3. Simplifies and focuses the Federal program
4. Accelerates project delivery and promotes innovation
5. Establishes a performance-based Federal program

Stable funding:

- Program authorized through FY14
 - Current law through end of FY12
 - Most new provisions went into effect on October 1st
- Avg. annual funding is at FY12 levels (plus inflation)
- Extends Highway Trust Fund taxes and ensures 2 years of solvency for Highway Trust Fund (HTF)
- Substantial programmatic consolidation
 - Most discretionary programs eliminated
 - No earmarks

Project delivery:

Accelerating project delivery:

- Any State can choose to assume specific CE designations in FHWA NEPA regulations
- Use of construction manager/general contractor (CMGC) method of contracting
- Accelerated completion of complex projects (4 yr) when State requests technical assistance
- Allows for lump sum payment for purchase of ROW
- Increased Federal share for some innovative techniques

Accelerating the environmental process:

- Environmental review process streamlining
 - FEIS and ROD combined in certain conditions
 - Allows for the use of planning products in the NEPA process
 - Deadlines for issue resolution, with penalties for agencies
 - Programmatic mitigation plans
 - Reduced statute of limitations on claims (150 days, not 180)
- Expanded authority for categorical exclusions
 - Multi-modal projects
 - Projects to repair roads damaged in declared emergency
 - Projects within existing operational right-of-way
 - Projects receiving limited Federal assistance

Next steps:

- Communication
 - Webpage
 - Summary
 - Presentation(s)
 - Fact sheets and Q&As
- Implementation
 - Legislative implementation plan
 - October 1 “phase in” of funding
 - Transitional procedures
 - Follow-on guidance and regulation
- <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21>

Questions ?