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FHWA Update

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Discussion Areas

- FHWA Briefly
- Federal Funding
- FHWA Focus
  - Recovery Act
  - Oversight Responsibilities
  - Every Day Counts
FHWA Briefly: Who are we?

- **Money:** About $40B Federal Highway Funds
- **Legislated Mission:** “…provide for a strong and vigorous national economy…” 23 USC 101(b) *(and associated regulations)*
- **What we aspire to:** Improve Mobility on our Nation’s Highways Through National Leadership, Innovation, and Program Delivery.
- **What the public expects:** Safety and fiscal integrity, emergency response...
FHWA: Our Role Today

A Partner...
In “A Federally Assisted, State Administered Program”
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Federal Funding: Critical Issue

Highway Account Balance

Ending balance for FY 2008 includes $8.017 billion transferred from the General Fund in September pursuant to Public Law 110-318.

Ending balance for FY 2009 includes $7 billion transferred from the General Fund in August pursuant to Public Law 111-46.

Ending balance for FY 2010 includes $14.7 billion transferred from the General Fund in April pursuant to Public Law 111-147.
Federal Funding: Critical Issue

• Transportation Reauthorization
  – SAFETEA-LU expired September 30, 2009
  – Extension until September 30, 2011
• FY2011 Appropriations Act
  – Continuing Resolution until April 8, 2011
  – North Dakota’s Obligation Limitation (190 days) is $117 M
• Release of President’s 2012 Budget - February 14
  • $556 Billion 6 year program w/ $27.7 B “Up Front”
  • 48 % increase over SAFETEA-LU
FHWA Focus: Recovery Act

- 100 percent obligated
  - 168 projects, $167 million
- 70 percent expended (nationwide)
- 92 percent expended (North Dakota)
  - One of eleven states with more than 90 percent
- 39 percent projects closed (North Dakota)
FHWA Focus: Oversight

- Emergency Relief Projects
  - Emergency Repairs (prior FHWA approval **not** required)
  - Permanent Repairs (must have FHWA approval before work starts unless it is done as part of the Emergency Repairs)
    - Has FHWA approved the Detailed Damage Inspection Report (DDIR)?
    - Has FHWA obligated funds (i.e., project authorized)?

http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/reports/erm/index.cfm
FHWA Focus: Oversight

- Full Involvement Projects

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FHWA Focus: Every Day Counts (EDC)

- Going Greener initiative (internal)
- Shortening Project Delivery (external)
- Accelerating Technology and Innovation Deployment (external)

http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/everydaycounts/
Shortening Project Delivery

• Accelerating Project Delivery Methods
  – Design-build
  – Construction Manager/General Contractor
Shortening Project Delivery

• Shortening Project Delivery Toolkit
  – Planning & Environmental Linkages
  – Legal Sufficiency Enhancements
  – Expanding Use of Programmatic Agreements
  – Use of In–Lieu Fee and Mitigation Banking
  – Clarifying the Scope of Preliminary Design
  – Flexibilities in ROW
  – Flexibilities in Utility Accommodation and Relocation
  – Enhanced Technical Assistance on Ongoing EISs
Accelerating Technology and Innovation Deployment

- Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA)
- Prefabricated Bridge Elements (PBE)
- Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil (GRS)
- Safety Edge
- Adaptive Traffic Control Technology (ATCT)
EDC Implementation Teams
North Dakota

- Planning and Environmental Linkages
- In-Lieu Fee and Mitigation Banking
- Flexibility in Utility Relocation and Accommodation
- Warm Mix Asphalt
Additional EDC Effort
North Dakota

- Adaptive Signal Control (research)
- Safety Edge (performance evaluation)
- Clarifying the Scope of Preliminary Design
  - (FHWA Order 6640.1A - FHWA Policy on Permissible Project Related Activities During the NEPA Process)
- Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil (LTAP training)
Thank You!

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