



# Policy Update and AMPO Policy Positions



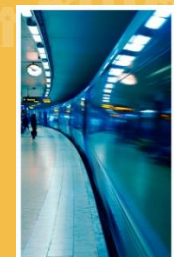
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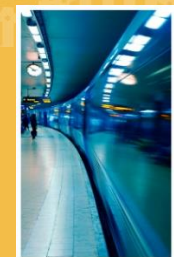
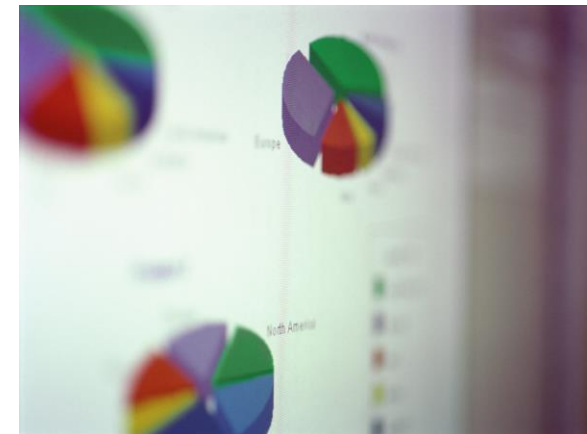
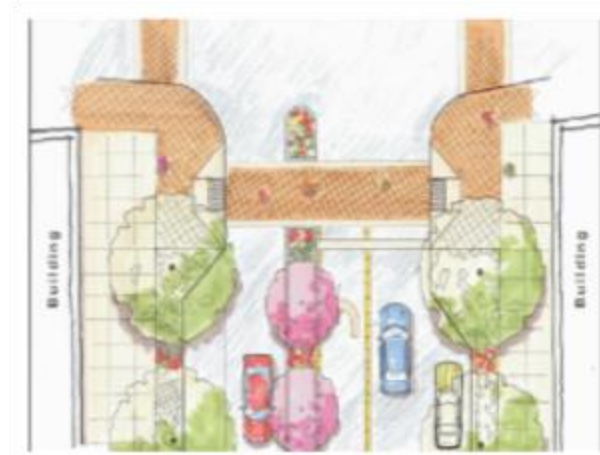
# Provide a Long-Term Funding Solution

- Address the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund before the FAST Act expires in 2020
- Move away from General Fund transfers
- Identify sustainable revenue options that address how people and freight travel now and in the future
- Increase federal investment to address the backlog of maintenance needs and improvements to the network
- Eliminate rescissions in authorizations and apportionments



# Increase Metropolitan Planning Funds

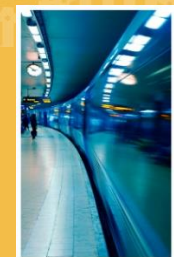
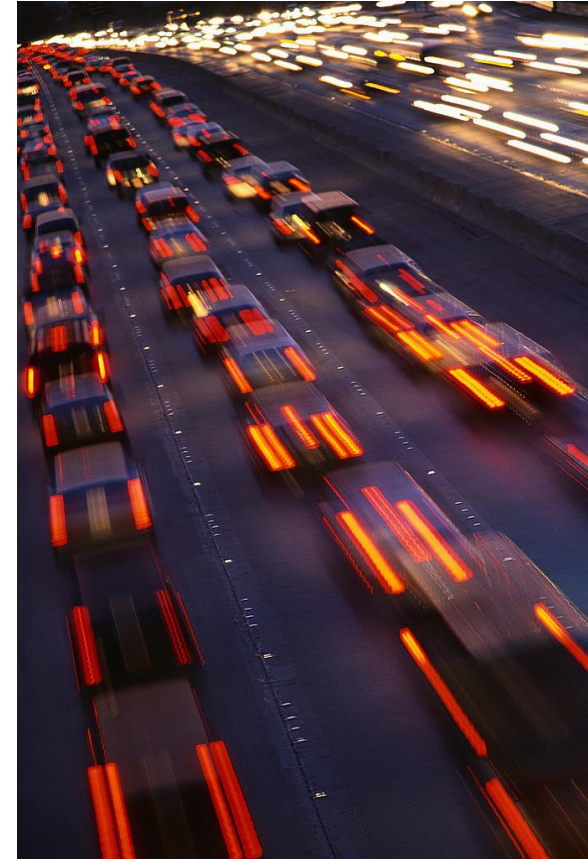
- Additional requirements require additional resources
- Return to the 1.25% takedown of core programs for Metropolitan Planning funds and maintain the National Highway Freight Program set-aside
- Require a higher degree of MPO input in the allocation of Metropolitan Planning funds within states





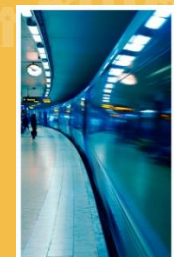
# Expand Project Selection Authority

- Provide greater decision making authority to all MPOs in TIP development
- Expand project selection authority of MPOs serving Transportation Management Areas to include projects on the National Highway System
- Develop better guidance and controls for what constitutes “cooperation” by state departments of transportation in project selection



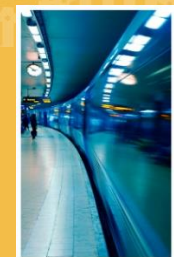
# Allocate STBGP Funds to all MPOs

- All MPOs are responsible for carrying out Performance Based Planning and Programming, and need commensurate authority
- Provide direct suballocation of Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) funds to all MPOs, not just those serving Transportation Management Areas
- Restore the apportionment of STBGP by population to the pre-Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act level of 62.5%



# Continue to Develop a Multi-Modal National Freight Network

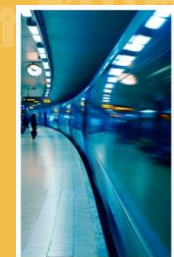
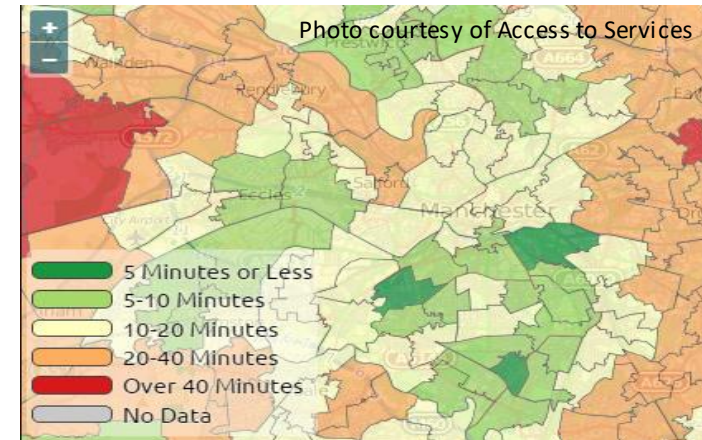
- The total amount of freight moving into, out of, and through metropolitan areas is forecasted to increase significantly
- Provide sufficient funding for a dedicated multi-modal program of goods movement projects
- Develop better guidance and controls for the involvement of MPOs, local governments, and private sector stakeholders in the development of state freight plans





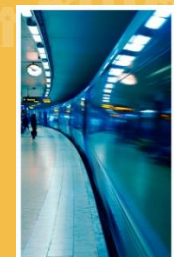
# Empower High-Performing MPOs

- Establish a pilot program that provides additional funding and decision making authority to select MPOs
- Identify MPOs based on best practices in governance, data-driven decision making, public involvement, etc.
- Provide additional funding and make the MPOs direct recipients with full project selection authority
- Recommend \$1 billion over four years



# Other Important Items

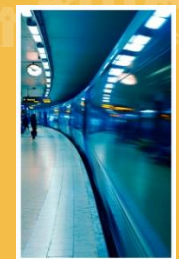
- Establish a single common effective date for reporting of all federally-required transportation performance measures and targets
- Require federal certification of transportation management area planning processes every five years, instead of four







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