



Surface Transportation Reauthorization

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Getting to Reauthorization

- **SAFETEA-LU**
- **Status of reauthorization**
- **Getting to a bill**
- **Action to date**
- **Competing priorities**

SAFETEA-LU

- 6-year authorization passed August 2005
- \$286 billion authorization with \$244 billion in guaranteed funding
 - Highways \$193 billion
 - Public Transportation \$ 45 billion
 - Safety \$ 6 billion
- Virginia's estimated highway apportionment - approximately \$4.7 billion

Status of Reauthorization

- **SAFETEA-LU expired September 30, 2009**
- **7 extensions since 2009**
- **Current extension expires September 30, 2011**

Getting to a Bill

- **Administration bill**

- **Committee hearings, markups, and bills**
 - **House**
 - Transportation & Infrastructure
 - Ways and Means
 - **Senate**
 - Environment & Public Works
 - Commerce, Science & Transportation
 - Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs
 - Finance

- **Full chamber markup and consideration**

- **Conference committee**

Administration Proposal

- **Not a bill**
- **FY 2012 budget proposes \$556 billion, 6-year reauthorization**
 - **Highways** \$336.4 billion
 - **Transit** \$119.2 billion
 - **Rail** \$ 52.6 billion
 - **National Infrastructure Bank** \$ 30.0 billion
 - **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Admin.&
National Highway Traffic Safety Admin.** \$ 12.3 billion
 - **National Infrastructure Investments** \$ 2.0 billion
 - **Federal Aviation Administration** \$ 3.4 billion
- **Total includes \$50 billion up-front in FY 2012 for highway, transit, rail, and airport programs**
 - **\$450 million for Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA)**
 - **\$25 billion for Critical Highway Infrastructure**
 - Maintain and improve condition of highways and bridges on National Highway System (NHS) at 100% federal share

Administration Proposal (cont.)

- **Consolidates 55 highway programs into 5**
 - National Highway (IM, NHS, Bridge, STP)
 - Highway Safety Improvement (already existing)
 - Livable Communities (Transportation Enhancements, CMAQ, Scenic Byways, Transportation Community & System Preservation)
 - Research, Technology, and Education (State Planning & Research, Highways for LIFE)
 - Federal Allocation (Federal Lands, Emergency Relief)
- **Creates Transportation Trust Fund with highways, transit, high-speed passenger rail, National Infrastructure Bank accounts**
 - Existing gas tax would fund highway and transit accounts
 - No revenue source identified for high-speed passenger rail and National Infrastructure Bank accounts
 - Without additional revenues, could have effect of shifting highway user fees to transit

Administration Proposal (cont.)

- Includes "placeholder revenue increase" of \$231 billion
- Converts transportation programs to mandatory spending limiting Congress' ability to reduce program levels
 - Amendment to House rule in January repealed provision guaranteeing minimum spending levels each year for Highway Trust Fund (HTF) programs
 - Congress could fund transportation below amount established in authorization

Committees' Progress

House Transportation and Infrastructure

- Conducting "listening sessions"

- Chairman Mica indicates 6-year bill within means of HTF

- Bill expected late spring/early summer

Senate Environment and Public Works

- Conducting hearings

- Bill expected late spring/early summer

Competing Priorities

- **Schedule:**
 - Committees need to complete work by Memorial Day recess
 - Conference committee must complete work before August recess
- **The 2012 Presidential campaign will be underway by late summer or early fall**
- **For the remainder of FY 2011, Congress will be working on:**
 - FY 2011 Appropriations (Continuing Resolution)
 - Debt ceiling
 - FY 2012 Appropriations
 - Reauthorization



Questions?