



Transportation Funding



FHWA Perspective



Federal Law  
Federal Regulation

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- # How does it relate to what you do?
- # Current Legislation

Federal Law

Federal Regulation

Federal Motor Fuel Tax  
18.4 cents/gal

# Terms

- # Authorization Act
- # Appropriations
- # Apportionments
- # Obligations
- # Project authorizations

- # Major Federal Action
- # STIP
- # MTIP
- # Core Federal Programs

# Authorization Act (Transportation Bill)

- # Provides overall funding for all programs; sets obligation ceiling or spending limits
- # Typically a 6-year bill ( i.e., TEA-21 1998 to 2003, SAFETEA-LU 2004-2009)
- # Authorization Acts amend Title 23 U.S.C.
- # Primary instrument used by Congress to direct the Federal-Aid Highway Program

# Appropriations

- # Normally enacted annually (Oct. 1)
- # Gives the go ahead to obligate funds for the given year, up to the amount listed for that year from the Authorization Act
- # Provides the provision of the cash to liquidate the Federal commitment

# Apportionments

- # The distribution of funds using a formula
- # Once apportioned, funds are available for obligation in accordance with the STIP
- # Apportioned Funds include STP, IM, NHS, BR, CMAQ

# Federal Aid Highway Program (FAHP)

- # FAHP is a reimbursable program
- # States are not apportioned cash, they must voucher the FHWA

# FA-HIGHWAY PROGRAMS

- # Interstate Maintenance: funds resurfacing, restoring, rehabilitating and reconstructing the Interstate
- # Surface Transportation Program: flexible funding that can be used on any FAH, transit capital, intercity bus terminals & facilities

# FAHP Cont.

- # National Highway System (NHS): funds improvements to rural/urban roads in the NHS, including the interstate and inter-modal terminals
- # Highway Bridge Program: funds rehabilitation and restoration of deficient bridges

# FAHP cont.

- # Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality: funds programs/projects in air quality non-attainment areas which reduce transportation related emissions
- # Tolling Program: broader ability to use tolling on pilot or demonstration basis to finance Interstate const./reconst.

# FAHP Cont.

- # Statewide Planning & Research (SPR): 2% set aside to fund statewide planning activities
- # Metropolitan Planning (PL): 1.25% set aside to fund urban planning activities by MPOs

State Law

State Motor Fuel Tax  
27.1 cents/gal

# Gas Tax Dollars

FY 2003

NC Sent to \$888,000 million to  
Washington

Received \$791,000 million from  
Washington

\$0.90/ back for every dollar sent in

# STIP (23 CFR, 450.216) & MTIP (23 CFR, 450.324)

## Must:

- # Cover a minimum of 4 years
- # Be fiscally constrained by year
- # Contain only projects consistent with Plan (Statewide or LRTP)
- # Contain all regionally significant projects requiring FHWA/FTA action
- # Provide opportunity for public comment on the document
- # Be submitted to FHWA/FTA for approval at least every 4 years. Effective July 1, 2007

# STIP/MTIP Relationship

- # MTIPs are developed by the MPOs in cooperation with the state and transit operators
- # MTIPs are adopted by the MPOs and Governor
- # Governor submits STIP with MTIPs to FHWA/FTA for approval of the STIP only, not the MTIPs