FY 2012 Budget and Update on other Tribal Transportation Issues

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Today’s Objectives

- Proposed Administration Authorization
  - Tribal Programs
  - Other Programs and provisions of interest
- FY12 budget
- Other Items
Proposed Administration Authorization
Underlying Considerations & Principles

• Modernize our highway system and create jobs
• Program Consolidation (55 to 5)/Simplify structure
• Focus investment on safety, state of good repair, and livability
• Performance-based
• Support innovations that shorten project delivery and accelerate deployment of new technologies (EDC)
• For Federal Lands, emphasis on “Transportation Facilities”, not just highways
Proposed Authorization

• Funded at $336 B over six-years (48% increase over SAFETEA-LU).

  1. National Highway Program;
     • Consolidates existing programs including Interstate Maintenance, National Highway System, Bridge, and the Surface Transportation Program into two subprograms;

  2. Highway Safety Improvement;

  3. Livable Communities;

  4. Federal Allocation (includes Fed Lands); and,

  5. Research, Technology, and Education.
Proposed Authorization

• Federal Allocation Program
  – Combines programs w/ inherently Federal responsibilities into one core Federal Allocation program
    1. Tribal Transportation Program
    2. Federal Lands Program
    3. Emergency Relief Program
    4. Work Force Development Program
• Each continues to be separate programs
Sec 202 – Tribal Transportation Program

• Budget Proposal includes:
  – FY12 Budget Request for $600M
    • Includes set-asides for:
      – Bridge Program (5%)
        » Operate the same as current program
      – Planning (from 2 to 3% set aside)
        » plus support collection and reporting of performance management data
      – Tribal Safety Program (2%)
        » New program. Guidance TBD
    • Refines funding formula by requiring at least 50% of funding be generated by BIA, Tribal, and “grandfathered” roads as defined in SAFETEA-LU.
    • Continues 6% takedown for BIA/FHWA administration
  – Incremental increases to $747 million proposed
Other Title 23 Programs of Interest

• Safety Programs
  – FY12 - $2.6 B (Increase from $1.3B)
  – Tribal Opportunity
    • States must use a minimum of 10% of HSIP funds on rural road safety improvements

• Livable Communities
  – $3.4B by formula to States (Tribes work thru States)
  – Tribal Opportunity (Tribes direct recipients)
    • $500M discretionary grant program
      – Project-based
    • $200M discretionary grant program
      – Technical Assistance/Capacity Building
Other Title 23 Programs of Interest (cont.)

• Tribal Transit Program
  – Tribes direct recipient
  – FY12 - $15.3M (slight increase)
  – No major policy changes
Process

• FY12 Budget (proposed)
  – Released every year in Feb/March (2/14 this year)
  – Administration developed budget proposal in anticipation of a new Reauthorization Act (below) and elected to incorporate new program changes into the budget submission

• Reauthorization Act
  – Administration is finalizing a proposal
    • Will contain the proposed changes seen here along with others
  – Projected Release: Spring 2011

• Procedure
  – Administration presents to Congress
  – Congressional procedures
OTHER ITEMS
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