Freight Implications of MAP-21

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Freight Provisions

• MAP-21 establishes a multimodal National Freight Policy.
• Calls for the establishment of a National Freight Network.
• Calls for development of a National Freight Strategic Plan, which will be done by the recently announced Freight Policy Council.
• States are encouraged to form Freight Advisory Committees to provide ongoing input on freight issues.
• Freight Advisory Committees will also assist in development in State Freight Plans.
• Projects of National and Regional Significance (PNRS) program, a potential funding source for freight-related projects, will continue to fund projects that provide long-term congestion relief and safety improvements.
• Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF) program modified to allow applicants to use future dedicated revenues or income as collateral to help secure an RRIF loan.
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• Provides incentives to use federal funds for freight improvements (up to 95% for projects on Interstate system; 90% for other projects).

• Some of the projects that would be eligible include:
  • Construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, operational improvements directly relating to improving freight movement;
  • Intelligent transportation system and other technology to improve the flow of freight;
  • Efforts to reduce the environmental impact of freight movement;
  • Railway-highway grade separation;
  • Truck-only lanes; and
  • Improvements to freight intermodal connectors and truck bottlenecks.
Next Steps

• Federal DOT establishes Freight Council
• Federal DOT Submits National Freight System Map to Congress by October, 2013 (27,000 miles urban and 3,000 miles rural)
• MAP 21 funding authorization expires October 1, 2014
• Re-establish $2b for freight transportation infrastructure for FY 15
• Funding was taken out of MAP 21 by House members of Conference Committee and is key goal for national freight stakeholders to increase House member awareness of freight benefits
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