Transportation Reauthorization: What’s In It For Freight?

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Reauthorization Landscape

- Second CR expires 12/18
- Pelosi / Reid – Oberstar/Obey: 2-year “General Fund” bill
  - $120B for “transportation”
- Cong. Oberstar wants new Bill ASAP
  - Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 2009
- Obama Admin – 18-month extension
  - Silent Congress = agreement?
STAA 2009

Only major freight program...

Freight Improvement Program

- New program distributes $$ to states on formula basis (vs need)
- Dedicated to highway capacity expansion/improvements
- Requires Multimodal Freight Advisory Committees
- Major Funding? ($2B /yr?)
Projects of National Significance

- Critical “high-cost” projects
- Economic & mobility benefits
- Minimum $500M cost
- Creates “Corridor Coalitions”
- Major Funding? $25B over 6-years?
Critical Asset Investment Program

- Formerly the IS/Bridge maintenance program
- No expansion but includes tunnel & bridge replacement
- Major funding? $100B...
Metropolitan Mobility & Access Program

- Targets MPOs > 500,000
- Grant Program
- Requires certified Metro Mobility Plan
  - Addressing Congestion, Livability, sustainability, Land-use, energy, environment
- Includes “Performance Standards”
- $50B
Tolls & PPPs

- US DOT Office of Public Benefit
  - Approves toll rates & PPP agreements on F-A highways
- Eliminates tolling Pilot Projects
- Provision allows interstate tolling for MPOs \( > 500,000 \)
  - Congestion-pricing rarely good for freight
What’s Missing?

- No Funding Title = No Identified Funding Source
- No Research Title
  - Unknown status for...
  - RITA
  - NCHRP
  - NCFRP
  - TRB / CTBSSP
  - UTCs!!
What’s Left?

- Safety
- ATA’s Position...
- SAFE Trucker Act of 2009
- Status of NAFTA!
Questions?

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