

Transportation Program Funding in Florida



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Today's Presentation

- ◆ General programs
 - ✓ Highway
 - ✓ Transit

- ◆ Specialized programs
 - ✓ Enhancements, recreational trails
 - ✓ Safety

- ◆ Program information
 - ✓ Estimated 2013 funding
 - ✓ Eligible activities related to bicycling and walking
 - ✓ Project selection process



Highway Programs

◆ 2013 Funding

- ✓ National Highway System (NHS): \$642 million
- ✓ Surface Transportation Program (STP): \$459 million*

◆ Eligible relevant activities

- ✓ NHS: bicycle facilities and pedestrian walkways on land adjacent to NHS highways
- ✓ STP: bicycle facilities and pedestrian walkways; sidewalk modifications to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- ✓ Eligible activities typically incorporated in the scope of existing projects



* Does Not include Enhancements Program

Highway Programs

◆ Project selection process

- ✓ Part of annual work program development process
- ✓ Submit candidate projects to MPO or county in non-MPO areas
- ✓ General schedule:

May – August	Project priorities solicited from partners
September – December	Districts program priorities within available funds and program objectives; public hearings
January – March	Tentative Work Program developed
March – April	Evaluation by Florida Transportation Commission; submit to Legislature
By July 1	Adjust for 1 st Year Budget Appropriation and Adopt Work Program



Transit Programs

- ◆ 2010* funding: \$217 million (Urbanized Area Program)
 - ✓ At least 1% for transit enhancement activities (in urban areas of at least 200,000)

- ◆ Eligible relevant activities
 - ✓ Improved pedestrian and bicycle access to transit facilities and vehicles, such as:
 - Bicycle parking/storage
 - Buses with bicycle racks
 - Sidewalks/crosswalk (new, retrofit)
 - ✓ Proposed Federal Transit Administration policy to expand the area around transit stops in which pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects can be funded



* Based on 2010 Appropriation

Transit Programs

◆ Project selection process

- ✓ Part of annual local transit agency programming and budgeting process
- ✓ Local transit agency selects projects
- ✓ Generalized schedule (varies by transit agency):

May – August	Local transit agency determines project priorities
September – March	Public hearings; selected projects included in FDOT Tentative Work Program, MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
March - April	FDOT Tentative Work Program to Legislature
By July 1	FDOT Adopts Work Program
July - August	Amend TIP if necessary
October 1	Local government fiscal year begins



Enhancement Program

- ◆ 2013 funding: \$51 million
- ◆ Eligible relevant activities
 - ✓ Planning, design and construction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities
 - ✓ Pedestrian and bicycle safety and education
- ◆ Project selection process
 - ✓ Part of annual work program development
 - ✓ Submit candidate projects to MPO or county
 - ✓ FDOT completes work program development process



Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)

- ◆ 2013 funding: \$14.6 million
- ◆ Eligible relevant activities
 - ✓ Planning, design and construction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities
 - ✓ Pedestrian and bicycle safety and education
 - ✓ Sidewalk modifications to comply with ADA
- ◆ Project selection process
 - ✓ Part of annual work program development
 - ✓ Submit candidate projects to MPO or county
 - ✓ FDOT completes work program development process



Recreational Trails Program

- ◆ 2013 Funding: \$3.4 million
- ◆ Eligible relevant activities
 - ✓ Construct, renovate or maintain recreational trails and trailhead and trailside facilities
 - ✓ Trails can be motorized, non-motorized, or mixed use
- ◆ For more information:

<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt/grants/>



Recreational Trails Program

◆ Project selection process

- ✓ Program administered by Office of Greenways and Trails, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- ✓ General Schedule:

January	Advertisement of grant availability
January – February	Regional application workshops
March/April	Application submittal deadline
April – July	Office of Greenways and Trails, in consultation with RTP Committee, scores applications
July	DEP submits priority list to Federal Highway Administration
August	Project selection and award notification





Florida Safe Routes to School Program:

Purpose:

- Increase the number of students walking & bicycling to school
- Improve safety of children already walking & bicycling in hazardous conditions

Decentralized Program:

- SRTS Coordinator: overall direction & review
- Districts receive applications & implement projects & programs

Funding:

- \$27.8 million, 2005-2009 + \$9.7 million for 2010 + \$9.7 million for 2011 = \$47.2 million

Five E's:

Education

Encouragement

Enforcement

Engineering

Evaluation



Types of SRTS Projects

Infrastructure (Engineering):

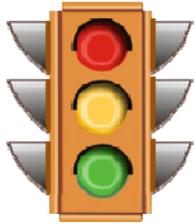
- sidewalks & bicycle facilities
- traffic engineering
- bike racks



Non-Infrastructure:

- Encouragement: programs that challenge students to bike & walk more
- Education: classroom & on-foot/bike classes, bikes & related training equipment
- Enforcement: not funded, but agencies should do enforcement & education activities
- Evaluation: not funded but required at various stages





Highway Safety Improvement Program



- ◆ When was the HSIP established?
 - ✓ The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which was signed into law on August 10, 2005, established the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) as a core Federal-aid program (earlier similar to Hazard Elimination Program).

- ◆ What is the purpose of the HSIP?
 - ✓ The overall purpose of this program is to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads through the implementation of infrastructure-related highway safety improvements.

- ◆ How much HSIP funds are allocated to Florida each year?
 - ✓ Florida is allocated approximately \$90M per year.



Highway Safety Improvement Project (HSIP)



◆ What is an HSIP Project?

- ✓ Highway safety improvement project is a project consistent with the State Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) that corrects or improves a hazardous road location or feature, or addresses a highway safety problem.
- ✓ Pedestrian/Bicycle Related Projects include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - An intersection safety improvement
 - Pavement and shoulder widening
 - An improvement for pedestrian or bicyclist safety or for the safety of persons with disabilities.
 - Installation and maintenance of signs (including fluorescent yellow green signs) at pedestrian-bicycle crossings and in school zones.



Highway Safety Funds

FDOT's Safety Office administers Highway Safety Funds

Traffic Safety Priorities:

- ❖ Occupant Protection
- ❖ Child Passenger Safety
- ❖ Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety
- ❖ Community Traffic Safety
- ❖ Impaired Driving
- ❖ Police Traffic Services
- ❖ Speed
- ❖ Aggressive Driving
- ❖ Roadway Safety
- ❖ Motorcycle Safety
- ❖ Traffic Records



Funding Requests for the Grant Program

Apply January 1st - March 31st

for funding in the next Federal fiscal year (October 1).



How to Apply for Highway Safety Funds

These web addresses provide information to aid the completion of the application (concept paper).



1. The below web-address will direct you to our Grant Activity Schedule:

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/safety/HighwaySafetyGrantProgram/hsgp/hsgpschedule.shtm>

This page helps an agency develop an action plan to complete the concept paper through awarding of the grant.

2. To learn more about the Grant Selection Process, please open the below web-address:

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/safety/HighwaySafetyGrantProgram/hsgp/hsgpselect.shtm>

Staff identify safety problems in the state by:

- a) Analyzing data from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV),
- b) studying the results of observational surveys, c) attending meetings of traffic safety communities, and d) reviewing the rankings of the Matrix

3. This link will direct you to Concept Paper Templates and Instructions

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/safety/HighwaySafetyGrantProgram/hsgp/hsgpsample.shtm>

The Concept Paper instructions are provided in PDF format and the Concept Paper Form is provided as an Microsoft Word file.



How to Apply for Highway Safety Funds

- ◆ Purpose: promote safe pedestrian and bicycle practices, educate drivers to share the road with other road users through policy, enforcement, communication, education, and incentive strategies.
- ◆ Programs receiving grant funding in this priority area are focused in four major program related categories:
 - ✓ Enforcement Program
 - ✓ Legislation, regulation, and policy
 - ✓ Communication Program
 - ✓ Outreach Program
- ◆ Eligible funding items may include: public awareness materials, bicycle skills courses, and training for professionals involved with all aspects of pedestrian and bicycle safety.
- ◆ All program areas funded with grant funds must have an evaluation method to allow assessment of the funded program's level of success in reducing fatalities and injuries.



Safety Grant Funds in the Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Area:

Federal fiscal year	Funding	No. of projects
2007	\$1,175,454	12
2008	\$744,307	6
2009	\$934,089	8
2010	\$1,031,348	11
2011	\$947,825	9



Buckle Up, Sit Up, Hang Up, and Drive!



Linkage: Goals to Program Funding

Funding Directed by Policy and Program Objectives Directed by Law and Guided by FDOT Plans

