



American Recovery & Reinvestment Plan

Transportation Issues for Florida

Florida Department of Transportation

February 13, 2009



Welcome

Stephanie Kopelousos, Secretary



Agenda

8:30 am – 8:35 am	Welcome	Secretary Kopelousos
8:35 am – 8:40 am	Agenda Review	Kathy Neill
8:40 am – 9:05 am	Introduction of Locations and Participants	Kevin Thibault District Secretaries and Staff
9:05 am – 9:15 am	Status of Federal Legislation	Kevin Thibault
9:15 am – 10:15 am	Overview of Legislation (House and Senate) General Provisions Transportation Funding	Kevin Thibault Kathy Neill
10:15 am – 10:50 am	Highways and Bridges	Kevin Thibault
10:50 am – 11:40 am	Questions and Answers	Kathy Neill and Each Location
11:40 am – 11:50 am	Summary of Discussion	Kevin Thibault
11:50 am – 12:00 Noon	Closing Remarks	Secretary Kopelousos



Introductions

Conference Locations



Status of Federal Legislation



Overview of Legislation

General Provisions



General Provisions

- Certification
- “Use It or Lose It”
- Maintenance of Effort
- Transparency
- Reporting
- Federal Requirements



Certification

- House Bill
 - General: Within 45 days, Governor certifies state will request and use funds
 - Infrastructure funding: Certification by Governor, mayor or other chief executive:
 - Each investment: received review and vetting required, an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars
 - No funding unless this certification is made
- Senate Bill
 - Same as House for infrastructure funding



“Use It or Lose It”

Important Definition – Obligation

Obtaining federal approval for each individual federal-aid project.



“Use It or Lose It”

- Timelines vary by bill, funding program
- House Bill
 - Generally:
 - One year after Act enacted or 9 months after grant (if later) for 50% of funds
 - Remainder: within 2 years after Act or 21 months after grant (if later)
 - Shorter timelines for highway, transit, aviation programs typically tied to obligation
- Senate Bill
 - Certain programs subjected to the timelines
 - Timelines vary by program



Maintenance of Effort

- House Bill: transportation
 - For each amount distributed to a state or agency thereof, Governor must certify that the state will maintain its level of state funding for the types of projects funded by the Act
 - Applicable timeframe: October 1, 2008 and September 30, 2010
 - Certification due within 30 days of enactment
 - For any federal funding supplanted, those federal funds will be recaptured and redistributed to other states

- Senate Bill – none for transportation



Transparency

- House Bill
 - Each federal, state & local govt. agency receiving funds must notify the public on website Recovery.gov:
 - Description of the infrastructure investment funded
 - Purpose of the infrastructure investment
 - Total cost of the infrastructure investment
 - Rationale for funding the project
 - Contact person for any concerns about the investment
- Senate Bill – No provision



Periodic Reporting

- House Bill – transportation funding:
 - Federal funds appropriated, allocated, obligated and expended
 - Number of projects out to bid
 - Number of projects for which contracts awarded
 - Number of projects for which work has begun
 - Number of projects for which work has been completed
 - Number of jobs created or sustained
 - Comparison of planned vs actual expenditures of non-federal funding for the types of projects covered
 - Periodic reporting: 30 days through 3 years after Act
- Senate Bill – Similar to House Bill, quarterly reporting



Federal Requirements

- No waiver of federal requirements
- House bill specifically mentions:
 - All iron/steel for projects be produced in US
 - Davis Bacon Act (wage rate requirements): project laborers and mechanics
 - Federal Acquisition Requisition
- Senate bill:
 - Iron, steel & manufactured goods for projects be produced in US
 - Expedited completion of NEPA reviews



Overview of Legislation

Transportation Funding



Aviation/Airports

- Eligible Projects
 - Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Discretionary Airport Improvement Program
- Distribution of Funds
 - Grants allocated by FAA Airports District Office
 - Safety, security, “FAA special emphasis,” runway safety area upgrade, preservation and capacity projects
- Priorities
 - House: none specified
 - Senate:
 - Projects that can be completed within two years of enactment
 - Will supplement, not supplant funding



Aviation/Airports

Estimates for Florida

Program Area	Amount (Millions of Dollars)	
	House	Senate
Airport Improvement Program	\$150*	\$50**

* Local Match Required

** No Local Match Required



Public Transit

- Eligible Projects
 - House/Senate: Buses, facilities, and other equipment. Operating expenses are not eligible
 - House: Repairs and upgrades to fixed guideway infrastructure
- Distribution of Funds
 - Urban transit systems will receive funding directly from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) by existing formulas
 - Non-urbanized area funds will be allocated by FDOT to rural transit systems through an application process
- Priorities
 - None specified in either bill



Public Transit

Estimates for Florida

Program Area	Amount (Millions of Dollars)	
	House	Senate
Urban Transit Systems	\$338	\$343
Fixed Guideway Systems (rail and BRT)	\$37	\$0
Non-Urbanized /Rural Transit Systems	\$19	\$21
Total	\$394	\$363



Passenger Rail

- Eligible Projects
 - Intercity Passenger Rail: Capital projects that expand passenger rail capacity
 - Amtrak: Capital projects to maintain and improve national intercity passenger rail service
 - Senate, High Speed Rail: Capital projects for the primary benefit of high speed rail service.
- Distribution of Funds
 - Intercity Passenger Rail and High Speed Rail (Senate): Discretionary grants by US Department of Transportation
 - Amtrak: Allocation to National Railroad Passenger Corporation



Passenger Rail

- Intercity Passenger Rail Priorities
 - House:
 - Repair and upgrade of railroad assets and infrastructure
 - FRA-compliant rolling stock and locomotives
 - Supports development of intercity passenger rail
 - Senate:
 - Project can be completed in two years
 - Project improves safety and reliability of intercity passenger trains
- High Speed Rail Priorities (Senate): None specified



Freight Rail

- Eligible Projects Under Highway/Bridge Program
 - House & Senate: Grade crossing improvements and “green” technology
- National Surface Transportation System Discretionary Grants
 - Senate: Freight rail projects eligible



Highways and Bridges

- Eligible Projects
 - Surface Transportation Program eligible activities
- Distribution of Funds
 - House:
 - 55% to state
 - 45% sub-allocated based on Surface Transportation Program formula (enhancements, by population, any area)
 - Senate:
 - 55% to state, plus 5% for CMAQ
 - 40% sub-allocated based on population
- Priorities
 - House:
 - Contracts can be awarded in 90 days; completed in 3 years
 - In the federally required state and/or MPO “program” (STIP/TIP)
 - Located in economically distressed areas defined in federal law
 - Senate: none specified



Highways and Bridges

Estimates for Florida

Program Area	Amount (Millions of Dollars)	
	House	Senate
Highway and Bridge Funds	\$1,462	\$1,343*
• At state's discretion	\$804	\$738
• Sub-allocated based on population	\$592	\$537
• Enhancements	\$66	\$0
• Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)	\$0	\$67

* Due to rounding, the Senate subtotals do not sum to the total funds.



Discretionary Grants (Senate)

- National Surface Transportation System Discretionary Grants from USDOT
 - \$5.5 Billion initial funding
 - Potential additional funding from Highway and Bridge, and Transit, funds withdrawn from states (“use or or lose it” provisions)
- Project Eligibility
 - Federally eligible highway, bridge and transit capital projects; passenger and freight rail, port infrastructure and intermodal projects
- Distribution of Funds
 - Competitive basis for states and local governments
 - Consider equitable geographic distribution
 - Consider balance in addressing urban and rural needs



Discretionary Grants (Senate) Continued

- Project Selection Priorities
 - Significant impact on Nation, metropolitan area or region
 - Projects that require additional federal funds to completely finance
 - Completion within 3 years of enactment



Overview of Legislation

Highways and Bridges



Federal Requirements: Examples

- Planning
 - All projects: Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
 - Metropolitan area projects: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - Capacity project: Long Range Transportation Plan
- Environmental: National Environmental Policy Act
- Right of way: Uniform Relocation Assistance Act
- Construction
 - Materials: Buy American Act
 - Workers: Davis-Bacon Act
- Locally administered projects
 - Certified under Local Agency Program (LAP)



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Timelines for Obligating Funds

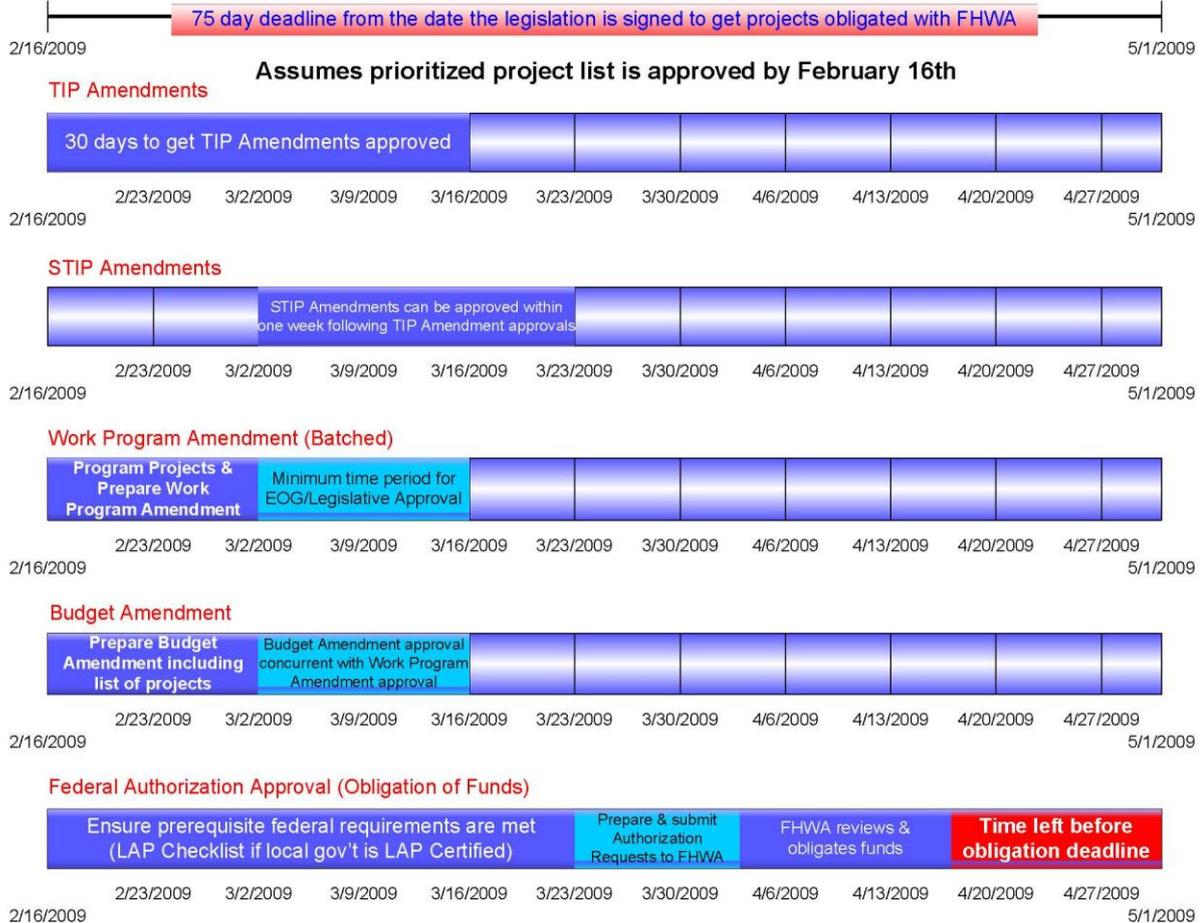
Highways and Bridges

State and Local Funds	House	Senate
State discretionary funds <ul style="list-style-type: none">• first 50%• second 50%	90 days August 1, 2010	180 days One year
Local funds (STP allocated) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• first 50%• second 50%	75 days June 1, 2010	One year One year



Flowchart: Obligating Federal Funds

Timeline for Obligating Local Government Projects (House Bill)



Potential Factors for Prioritizing Projects

- Deferred by the state
- Tied to concurrency where development held up
- Potential to generate revenue
- Geographically balanced
- Provide congestion relief
- Located in economically distressed areas
- Can be completed in 3 years



Department Activities

- Tracking federal legislation closely
 - Updating Economic Stimulus webpage
 - Coordinating with Governor's Office, Legislature, transportation partners
- Preliminary list of “ready to go” projects
- Outreach to cities, counties, MPOs, etc.
 - Explain federal requirements/process
 - Review FDOT preliminary list
 - Local priority lists



Questions and Answers



Summary of Discussion



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Federal Economic Stimulus

About

This Web page will be used by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to provide early information about Florida's preparation for proposed federal economic stimulus funding for transportation. Since federal actions are taking place very quickly, please check back for updated information. You can subscribe to [email updates](#).



Federal Executive Branch Information

- A new federal Web site will be used for economic stimulus information at: [recovery.gov](#)
- [The President's American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan](#)
- [U.S. Department of Transportation - "TIGER" Team](#)
 - [Federal Highway Administration](#)
 - [Federal Transit Administration](#)

U.S. Congressional Information

- [U.S. House of Representatives](#)
 - House passed version of [H.R. 1, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#)
 - [Summary](#) from the Committee on Appropriations
 - [Summary](#) from the Committee on Ways and Means
 - [Summary](#) from the Committee on Energy and Commerce
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- View [All Actions](#) on H.R. 1.
- [Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimates](#)

Florida Department of Transportation Information

- [Key Transportation Provisions Related to Project Selection](#) -- This report has been prepared to share key transportation information that will guide the selection of Florida projects.
- [Information by Transportation Mode](#) -- Further information about the potential funding available for airport, highway, rail, seaport and transit projects.
- [Ready-to-Go Projects](#) -- Please note that this list of projects was prepared in response to early requests for Florida's "ready to go" transportation projects should economic stimulus funding become available. The list is well beyond the level of funding now expected to be available.
- [Local Agency Program](#) -- This FDOT program is used to reimburse other governmental agencies for services using federal funds. [LAP Checklists](#) are used to ensure compliance with all applicable federal requirements.
- [Accelerate Florida](#) -- This is a related Florida initiative to improve Florida's economy.

www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/economic_stimulus



Closing Remarks

Stephanie Kopelousos, Secretary





*Buckle Up!
Every Trip, Every Time!*

