Key FAST Act Freight Provisions

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National Highway Freight Program

- $1.2 B / year (average), apportioned to States by formula
- Funds projects on the National Highway Freight Network (NHFN)
  - Primary Highway Freight System (PHFS) (41,000 mile network published in 2013)
  - Critical rural freight corridors identified by States
  - Critical urban freight corridors with State-MPO consultation
  - Portions of Interstate System not included in the PHFS
- Eligible activities include construction, operational improvements, freight planning and performance measures
- Highway focus, but up to 10% for rail / port / intermodal projects
- State freight plans required to obligate formula funding (beginning FY 2018)
FASTLANE* Grant Program  
(Nationally Significant Freight & Highway Projects)

- $900 million/year (average) for competitive grants or TIFIA loans primarily for projects >$100 million (reduced for States w/ small programs)

- Eligible activities:
  - Highway freight projects on National Highway Freight Network
  - NHS highway/bridge projects, projects in National Scenic Areas
  - Freight rail/intermodal/port projects (≤$500 million over 5-years)
  - Rail-highway grade crossing or grade separation projects

- States, larger MPOs, Tribes, localities, and Federal land management agencies may apply

- Set-asides for rural areas and projects below cost threshold

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Other Key FAST Act Freight Provisions

• Section 8001 – Multimodal Freight Transportation
  • Establishes freight policy goals
  • Requires state freight plans and encourages State freight advisory committees
  • Requires designation of National Multimodal Freight Network
  • Requires multimodal national Freight Strategic Plan

• Numerous Truck Size and Weight Provisions
QUESTIONS?