

PRELIMINARY REVIEW DRAFT

Federal Funding

- Prioritize distributing federal funding through key formula programs
 - Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program
 - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)
 - Metropolitan Planning Program (MPP)
- Implement or increase mandatory suballocations of funds directly to MPOs
- Shift the share of federal dollars formula funding streams that are more predictable and accessible to our agencies than competitive programs.
- Increase funding for oversubscribed bridge programs, including the Bridge Formula Program (BFP) and Bridge Investment Program (BIP)
- Direct federal funding to strengthen local roads subject to heavy-duty trucks and equipment supporting agricultural production and goods movement
- Maintain funding for programs designed to address air quality challenges in the region with eligibility for more efficient, innovative vehicles and equipment
- Maintain investments in intercity passenger rail, including eligibility for high-speed rail projects that are effectively managed
- Support the *Farm-to-Market Road Improvement Act* that would provide a ten percent set-aside within the Rural Surface Transportation (Rural) Grant Program

Federal Policy Priorities

- Support solutions to streamline project permitting efforts and reduce administrative burdens and project delays associated with *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)* reviews
- Require federal interagency coordination to be fulfilled on reasonable, established timelines
- Reconsider the utility of National Performance Management Measures (NPMs)
- Simplify federal grant application process for competitive programs and enhance access for small and rural agencies

Regional Projects

- [Insert list of pending grant applications]
- [Insert list of pending CDS/CPF requests advanced by Congressional delegation]

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