

FEDERAL TOLLING AND CONGESTION INITIATIVES

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DEDICATED TRUCK LANES

- No initiatives related specifically to dedicated truck lanes or truck toll lanes
- Department has been interested in the concept for many years
 - Improve Safety
 - Meet long-term freight capacity needs
- USDOT would be supportive of truck lane proposals if they made sense and were supported locally
- If a toll project on the Interstate System, State would have to have tolling authority

SAFETEA-LU TOLLING INITIATIVES

- New Tolling Programs
 - Express Lanes Demonstration Program
 - Interstate Construction Toll Pilot Program
- Continuation of Existing Tolling Programs
 - Value Pricing Pilot Program
 - Interstate Reconstruction Toll Pilot Program

EXPRESS LANES DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

- Limited to 15 projects during 2005-2009
 - Existing tolled facilities
 - Existing HOV facilities
 - Existing facilities that are modified to provide additional tolled lane capacity
- Program does not allow tolling of existing lanes except HOV lanes
- Variable tolls must be charged on HOV lanes, optional on other lanes
- No slots taken to date, but Texas likely to apply

INTERSTATE CONSTRUCTION TOLL PILOT

- Permit a State or interstate compact of States to collect tolls on a new highway, bridge or tunnel on the Interstate System for the purpose of constructing that facility
- Financing construction using tolls must be shown to be the "most efficient and economical way to advance the project"
- Three slots authorized in SAFETEA-LU
- No formal applications yet, but several States interested

VALUE PRICING PILOT PROGRAM

- No substantive changes in existing law
- Participation limited to 15 States
- \$59 million over life of SAFETEA-LU
- \$3 million set aside for non-toll projects
- 1 slot is currently available

INTERSTATE RECONSTRUCTION TOLL PILOT

- No changes to program established under TEA-21
- Tolling allowed on up to 3 existing Interstate facilities to fund needed reconstruction or rehabilitation
- State must demonstrate that highway could not be maintained or improved without using tolls
- Virginia (I-81) and Missouri (I-70) each have slots
- One slot remaining

U.S. DOT CONGESTION INITIATIVE

*Congestion is not a fact of life.
We need a new approach.*

U.S. DOT CONGESTION INITIATIVE

Six Elements

- Relieve Urban Congestion through Urban Partnership Agreements
- Unleash Private Sector Investment Resources
- Promote Operational and Technological Improvements
- Establish Corridors of the Future
- Target Freight Bottlenecks and Expand Freight Policy Outreach
- Accelerate Major Aviation Capacity Projects

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Corridors of the Future

- Competition to select 3-5 major growth corridors
- Multi-state process to advance project development and seek alternative financial opportunities
- Fast tracking major congestion reducing corridor projects

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Corridors of the Future Objectives

- Promote innovative regional approaches to congestion mitigation
- Address major transportation investment needs
- Illustrate benefits of alternative financial models involving private sector capital
- Promote more efficient environmental review and project development processes
- Increase freight system reliability
- Demonstrate transportation investment models based on sound economics and market principles

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Freight-Related Initiatives

- Intermodal Hot-Spot Team in Southern California
- CEO Summits With Representatives From Major Shipper Groups, Freight Carriers, And Logistics Firms
- Border Congestion Teams To Prioritize Operational And Infrastructure Improvements At Congested Border Crossings

NATIONAL FREIGHT POLICY FRAMEWORK

- **Improve operations of existing facilities**
- **Add capacity where economically justified**
- **Use pricing where appropriate to align costs and benefits and improve operations**
- **Reduce barriers to improved freight operations**
- **Proactively address emerging freight needs**
- **Maximize freight transportation safety and security**
- **Mitigate adverse impacts of freight transportation**
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