Federal Transportation Funds in Washington State

June 2007
Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)

- Six-year federal transportation act (FFY 2004-09)
- Focus on highways, roads and transit, with various federal programs and fund types
- Funds distributed to states and local agencies by formula, "earmarks," and grants
- States administers most funds, subject to federal and state criteria, even funds that go to local agencies
- MPOs/RTPOs and transit agencies make many local funding decisions
SAFETEA-LU
Total Funding for Washington State

$5.56 billion Total Estimated Apportionment
“Contract Authority”
Washington’s total estimated funding for the life of the act

$4.83 billion Total Estimated Obligation Authority
“Obligation Limitation”
Washington’s total estimated funding once adjusted

See separate pie chart for total estimated apportionment.

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Office of Financial Management
SAFETEA-LU
Highway Formula Funds

- $2.8 billion in estimated total obligation authority

- Many federal programs, each with specific uses and criteria

- State and locals collaborated on best approach for flexible funds

- Overall, roughly 60 percent to state and 40 percent to locals

See separate pie chart for total estimated apportionment.
SAFETEA-LU
Non-Formula Funds

$220 million  Projects of National/Regional Significance\(^1\)
   » 100 percent to state for Alaskan Way Viaduct \(^2\)

$297 million  High Priority Projects\(^1\)
   » About 50 percent each to state and local agencies

$596 million  “Earmarks” \(^3\)
   » Earmarks, Demonstration Projects, Discretionary Grants, Etc.
   » About 34 percent to state and 66 percent to local agencies

$87 million  Miscellaneous

$1.2 billion  Total Estimated Apportionment

1 Projects and total funding identified in Act, subject to adjustments and annual federal appropriations bills. Washington assumes ~85 percent will be available for spending.
2 Alaskan Way Viaduct also gets other federal funds, including High Priority and Earmark funds.
3 Projects and total funding identified and allocated in annual federal appropriations bills 2004-06 or awarded as grants by federal agencies. Subject to adjustments.
See separate list of all SAFETEA-LU non-formula funds projects.

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Washington State Transportation Budget 2007-09

- Two-year transportation budget (June-July FY) with 16-year financial plan

- $6.7 billion total assumed for 2007-09 transportation budget, with about 15 percent from federal funds (incl. prior acts)

- $4.6 billion for transportation capital projects and programs, with about $905 million, one-fifth, from federal funds

![Pie chart showing source of funds: State $5,693 million (82%), Federal $1,069.2 million (15%), Non-Appropriated $112.7 million (2%), Private/Local $82.5 million (1%)]
Washington State Transportation Budget 2007-09
Federal Funds by State Agency

- Most federal funds are appropriated in the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) budget
- Some are not appropriated, but pass-through via separate state account to locals and transit agencies

2007-09 Transportation Budget
Federal Funds by Agency

- $1,042.4 million (97.5%)
- United States Department of Transportation
- Washington State Patrol
  - $10.6 million (1.0%)
- Washington Traffic Safety Commission
  - $15.9 million (1.5%)
## Decision-making Authority for Highway Formula Funds

### Federal Program – Highway Flexible Funds

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- Distributions by Population
  - More than 200,000 population
  - Less than 200,000 population
  - Less than 5,000 population

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### Other

- Some WSDOT decisions are based on recommendations to the Gov/Leg and subject to appropriation in the state transportation budget. Other WSDOT decisions are made within the agency with a “bucket” of funds and criteria for project selection.
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