

Appendix D: National Highway System

Since the beginning of interstate highway construction in 1956, population has grown and shifted, the economy has changed, and needs as a nation have evolved. To meet these demands and to extend the benefits of the Interstate Highway System to areas that are not served directly by it, FHWA responded to the mandate of Congress and developed the concept of a national highway system as a way of focusing federal resources on the nation's most important roads. In 1995, Congress approved NHS.

