

Transportation Funding & Planning

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The Federal Perspective

Federal Law Federal Regulation

- # How does it relate to what you do?
- # Current Legislation

Federal Law

Federal Regulation

Federal Motor Fuel Tax
18.4 cents/gal

Gas Tax Dollars

FY 2003

NC Sent \$888,000 million to
Washington

Received \$791,000 million from
Washington

\$0.90/ back for every dollar sent in

Authorization Act (Transportation Bill)

- # Provides overall funding for all programs; sets obligation ceiling or spending limits
- # Typically a 6-year bill (i.e., TEA-21 1998 to 2003, SAFETEA-LU 2004-2009)
- # Primary instrument used by Congress to direct the Federal-Aid Highway Program

Appropriations

- # Normally enacted annually (Oct. 1)
- # Provides the provision of the cash to liquidate the Federal commitment

Apportionments

- # The distribution of funds using a formula
- # Once apportioned, funds are available for obligation in accordance with the STIP
- # Apportioned Funds include STP, IM, NHS, BR, CMAQ, HSIP

Obligation Ceiling

- # Limits the total amount that States can spend on highways, annually
- # Applies to all programs within the overall Federal-aid highway program, with a few exceptions (emergency relief)
- # States can mix & match the program funds it obligates, but cannot exceed the ceiling

Federal Aid Highway Program (FAHP)

- # FAHP is a reimbursable program
- # States are not apportioned cash, they must voucher the FHWA

FA-HIGHWAY PROGRAMS

- # Interstate Maintenance
- # Surface Transportation Program
- # National Highway System (NHS)
- # Highway Bridge Program
- # Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ)

2-New Programs


- # Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)(new in FY 06): funds to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injury
- # Safe Routes To School (SR2S): funds planning and project activities to make walking and bicycling to school safe and more appealing

Additional Funding Opportunities

- # Tolling Program: broader ability to use tolling on pilot or demonstration basis to finance Interstate const./reconst.
- # In NC you have to consider State Legislation requirements

State Infrastructure Banks (SIB): a revolving fund that offer loans and non-grant assistance for highway and transit projects

Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles (GARVEE Bonds): allows advanced construction of projects with reimbursement of the projects bond issue cost, in lieu of the actual construction costs



Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA): provides secured direct loans, loan guarantees and standby lines of credit. Specific project eligibility requirements.

STIP (23 CFR, 450.216) & MTIP (23 CFR, 450.324)

Must:

- # Cover a minimum of 4 years
- # Be fiscally constrained by year
- # Contain only projects consistent with Plan (Statewide or LRTP)
- # Final step in the funding cycle

FAHP Cont.

- # Statewide Planning & Research (SPR): 2% set aside to fund statewide planning activities
- # Metropolitan Planning (PL): 1.25% set aside to fund urban planning activities by MPOs

Planning under SAFETEA-LU



Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient
Transportation Equity Act - a Legacy for Users

Planning



- # Long-Range Transportation Plans /Transportation Improvement Program/Transportation Management Area update cycles
- # Consultation and Participation (public Involvement)
- # Environmental Planning

Planning

- # Most provisions became effective immediately.
- # However, rulemaking is still required for implementation of most.
- # 12 months for rulemaking
- # Continue to follow TEA-21 guidance, until July 2007.

Update Cycles

- # LRTPs in non-attainment and maintenance areas will have 4-year update cycle
- # TMAs (areas >200,000 pop.) certification cycle moves to 4-yrs. Immediate enactment
- # STIP/TIP moves to 4-yr. update cycle
- # Any plans & programs adopted after July 1, 2007, must meet new SAFETEA-LU requirements

Air Quality

- # 2- year trigger for plan/TIP conformity determination after budget is found adequate or approved by EPA
- # Linked to Plan/TIP w/conformity required every 4-years
- # 12 month conformity lapse grace period
- # Options on conformity horizon year

Consultation/Participation



- # MPOs shall consult with State and local agencies responsible for land use, economic development, air, freight, natural and environmental resources and historic preservation in development of the long-range transportation plan

Consultation/Participation

Methods

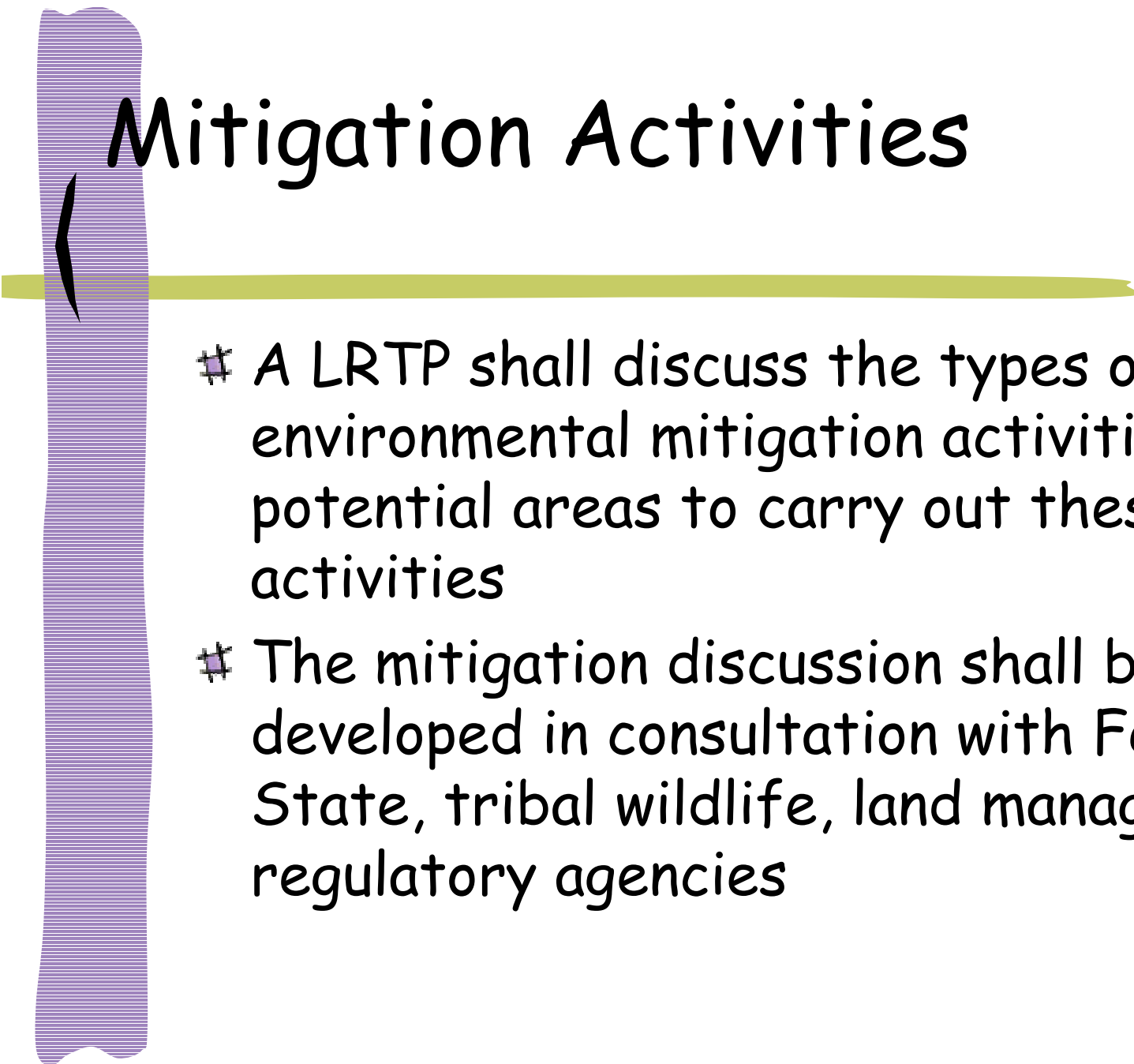
- Meetings at convenient and accessible locations, and times;
- Employ visualization techniques to describe plans
- Make public information available in an electronically accessible format (ECF) , such as the web

Consultation/Participation



- # Transportation Plans involving federal participation shall be published or otherwise made readily available by MPOs for public review, in ECF (web), approved by the MPO and submitted for information to the Governor....

Mitigation Activities



- # A LRTP shall discuss the types of potential environmental mitigation activities and potential areas to carry out these activities
- # The mitigation discussion shall be developed in consultation with Federal, State, tribal wildlife, land management and regulatory agencies

Questions



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