



Freight & the 2010 Surface Transportation Authorization

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CAGTC – *A Little Background*

- Established in 2001
- 60+ organizations
- Mission: Raise Congressional and public awareness of nation's freight and goods movement needs
- Education and Advocacy
 - Keep members informed on developments impacting the freight community



Surface Transportation Authorization

- Sets the guidelines for how the Federal government will invest in transportation over the next 6 years

Progress: After being on hold for months, issue is beginning to get traction

- House – Draft legislation in committee
- Senate – Beginning work on language – due this summer
- DOT – Will provide ‘guiding principles’ in next few months



Freight in the Surface Transportation Authorization

House:

- Freight Improvement Program
- Projects of National Significance

Senate:

- Both EPW & Commerce recognize importance of freight



Freight 21:

National Strategic Freight Mobility Program & Trust Fund

- National strategy for planning & investment
- Merit-based criteria for prioritizing projects
- Predictable, dedicated, sustained funding for freight infrastructure
- Partnership with the private sector to anticipate and meet the needs of system users



TIGER & TIGER II – *New Approach to Investing...*

■ TIGER Grants

- 22 of the 51 projects (or 43 percent) were freight-related
- Those 22 projects received 49 percent of the available funds, totaling more than \$730 million.

■ National Infrastructure Investments Program

- \$600 mil. Included in 2010 Appropriations



Surface Transportation Authorization: Outlook

Several items can derail progress:

- Climate Change
- Immigration
- Supreme Court Nominee
- Economy
- **FUNDING / FUEL TAX ISSUE**

Motivation to move the bill this year growing



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