# P.L. 114-94 Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act



Federal Highway Administration







### **FAST Act**

- Signed by President Obama on December 4, 2015
- First long-term authorization act in a decade
- Result of bipartisan cooperation and compromise
- Provides 5 years of funding certainty for infrastructure planning and investment
- Authorizes \$305 B (all modes) over FY 2016-2020
- \$70 B in transfers to keep the Highway Trust Fund solvent; fully "paid for" (offset) by unrelated savings

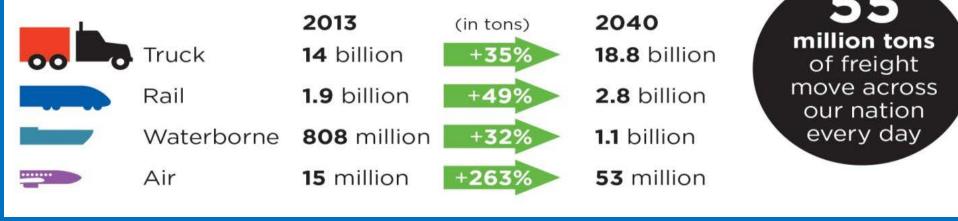
# Key Highway Facts

- \$226.3 B for highways over five years (FY 2016-2020)
  - \$225.2 B in contract authority
  - \$1.1 B from the General Fund
- Builds on the program structure and reforms of MAP-21
- Continued focus on accelerating project delivery
- Adds a new freight formula and expands freight network
- Adds a new discretionary program for nationally significant freight and highway projects
- Provides a new tribal self-governance option

# **FREIGHT Provisions**

#### **Freight Movement is Multimodal**

Every mode of transportation moves freight, but trucking is the primary mode of freight travel.



Source: Beyond Traffic

#### National Highway Freight Program NEW

- \$1.2 B / year (average), apportioned to States by formula
- Eligible activities include construction, operational improvements, freight planning and performance measures
- Highway focus, but <10% for rail/port/intermodal projects
- States required to have freight plans to obligate NHFP funds (beginning December 4, 2017)
- Federal share is determined under 23 USC 120
- Repeals special Federal share for freight projects

### **FASTLANE Grants | NEW**

#### (Nationally Significant Freight & Hwy. Projects)

- \$900 M/year (average) for competitive grants or TIFIA loans for projects >\$100 M (reduced for States w/ small programs)
- Eligible activities:
  - Highway freight projects on National Highway Freight Network
  - NHS highway/bridge projects, projects in National Scenic Areas
  - Freight rail/intermodal/port projects (≤\$500 M over 5-year period)
  - Rail-highway grade crossing or grade separation projects
- States, large MPOs, Tribes, localities, and FLMAs may apply
- OST selects projects; Congress has 60 days to disapprove
- Set-asides for rural areas and projects below cost threshold

#### U.S. Department of Transportation Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 FASTLANE Awards

| Project Name  | Applicant Organization                                    | State | Project<br>Size | Award         | Total Project<br>Cost | 117(d)(2)(A)<br>Limitation* |
|---|---|-------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Interstate 10 Phoenix to Tucson Corridor Improvements               | Arizona Department of<br>Transportation                   | AZ    | Large           | \$54,000,000  | \$157,500,000         | -                           |
| SR-11 Segment 2 and Southbound Connectors                           | California Department of<br>Transportation                | CA    | Large           | \$49,280,000  | \$177,200,000         | -                           |
| Arlington Memorial Bridge Reconstruction Project                    | National Park Service                                     | DC    | Large           | \$90,000,000  | \$166,000,000         | -                           |
| Port of Savannah International Multi-Modal Connector                | Georgia Ports Authority                                   | GA    | Large           | \$44,000,000  | \$126,700,000         | \$32,000,000                |
| I-10 Freight CoRE   | Louisiana Department of<br>Transportation and Development | LA    | Large           | \$60,000,000  | \$193,508,409         | -                           |
| Conley Terminal Intermodal Improvements and<br>Modernization        | Massachusetts Port Authority                              | MA    | Large           | \$42,000,000  | \$102,890,000         | \$42,000,000                |
| I-390/I-490/Route 31 Interchange, Lyell Avenue Corridor<br>Project  | New York State Department of<br>Transportation            | NY    | Large           | \$32,000,000  | \$162,900,000         | -                           |
| US 69/75 Bryan County   | Oklahoma Department of<br>Transportation                  | ок    | Large           | \$62,000,000  | \$120,625,000         | -                           |
| Atlantic Gateway: Partnering to Unlock the I-95 Corridor            | Virginia Department of Transportation                     | VA    | Large           | \$165,000,000 | \$905,000,000         | \$45,000,000                |
| South Lander Street Grade Separation and Railroad Safety<br>Project | City of Seattle   | WA    | Large           | \$45,000,000  | \$140,000,000         | -                           |
| I-39/90 Corridor Project  | Wisconsin Department of<br>Transportation                 | WI    | Large           | \$40,000,000  | \$1,195,300,000       | -                           |
| Truck Parking Availability System (TPAS)                            | Florida Department of Transportation                      | FL    | Small           | \$10,778,237  | \$23,983,850          | -                           |
| Cedar Rapids Logistics Park   | lowa Department of Transportation                         | IA    | Small           | \$25,650,000  | \$46,500,000          | \$25,650,000                |
| U.S 95 North Corridor Access Improvement Project                    | Idaho Department of Transportation                        | ID    | Small           | \$5,100,000   | \$8,500,000           | -                           |
| Maine Intermodal Port Productivity Project                          | Maine Department of Transportation                        | ME    | Small           | \$7,719,173   | \$15,438,347          | \$7,122,485                 |
| Cross Harbor Freight Program (Rail)                                 | The Port Authority of New York and<br>New Jersey          | NY    | Small           | \$10,672,590  | \$17,787,650          | \$10,672,590                |
| Coos Bay Rail Line - Tunnel Rehabilitation Project                  | Oregon International Port of Coos<br>Bay                  | OR    | Small           | \$11,000,000  | \$19,555,000          | \$11,000,000                |
| Strander Boulevard Extension and Grade Separation<br>Phase 3        | City of Tukwila   | WA    | Small           | \$5,000,000   | \$38,000,000          | -                           |
|   |   |       | Total           | \$759 200 000 | \$3,617,388,256       | \$173 445 075               |

### **FASTLANE Grants**

- 1<sup>st</sup> call for FASTLANE grants, USDOT received 212 applications totaling nearly \$9.8 billion for grants.
- States and localities requesting over 13 times more funding than was available through FASTLANE.
- Of the 212 applications received, 136 represented projects in urban areas, while the remaining 76 supported rural projects.
- USDOT's report, Beyond Traffic 2045: Trends and Choices, shared freight volume is expected to grow to 29 billion tons—an increase by 45 percent by the year 2040.

#### **Other Freight Provisions**

- Freight policy goals and multi-modal national freight strategic plan
- State freight plans (required) & advisory committees (encouraged)
- National <u>multimodal</u> freight network
- National <u>Highway</u> Freight Network, to include:
  - Primary Highway Freight System (PHFS); initially 41K miles
  - Critical rural freight corridors identified by States
  - Critical urban freight corridors with State-MPO consultation
  - Portions of Interstate System not included in the PHFS
- Primary Highway Freight System re-designated every 5 years (with up to 3% growth)

### **Required State FREIGHT Plan**

- 5 year horizon, updated at least every 5 years
- 10 Requirements in total
  - Carryover from MAP-21
  - FAST Act required additional components

1. Identification of significant freight system trends, needs, and issues.

2. Description of freight policies, strategies, and performance measures guiding transportation investment decisions.

3. When applicable a listing of critical rural and urban freight corridors designated within the State.

The FAST Act requires the establishment of a National Highway Freight Network, which will consist of the following components:

- The Primary Highway Freight System (PHFS);
- Critical Rural Freight Corridors;
- Critical Urban Freight Corridors; and

• Those portions of the Interstate System that are not part of the PHFS.

3. When applicable a listing of critical rural and urban freight corridors designated within the State.

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<u>Critical Urban Freight Corridors</u> (CUFCs): These are public roads in urbanized areas which provide access and connection to the PHFS and the Interstate with other ports, public transportation facilities, or other intermodal transportation facilities.

4. How the plan will improve the ability of the State to meet the national multimodal freight policy goals.

5. Innovative technologies and operational strategies that improve the safety and efficiency of freight movement.

6. Description of improvements that may be required to reduce or impede the deterioration due to heavy vehicles.

7. An inventory of facilities with freight mobility issues, such as bottlenecks and mitigation strategies.

#### System Performance and the Cost of Congestion

By 2040, nearly **30,000** miles of our busiest highways will be clogged on a daily basis.



Source: Beyond Traffic

8. Consideration of any significant congestion or delay caused by freight movements.

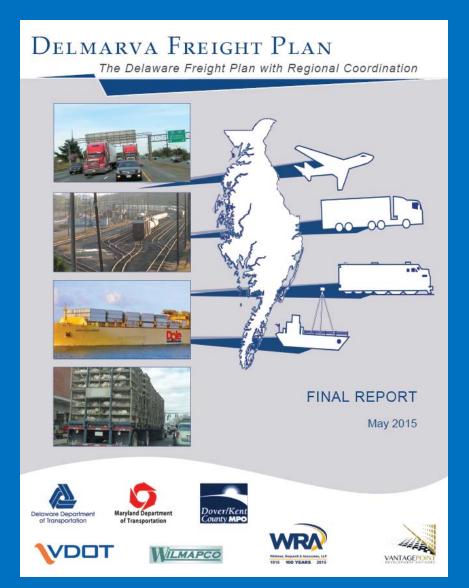
9. A freight investment plan that includes a list of priority projects and describes how funds would be invested and matched.

# 10.Consultation with the State Freight Advisory Committee, if applicable.

# Delaware State Freight Plan

- MAP-21 compliant
- MAY 2015

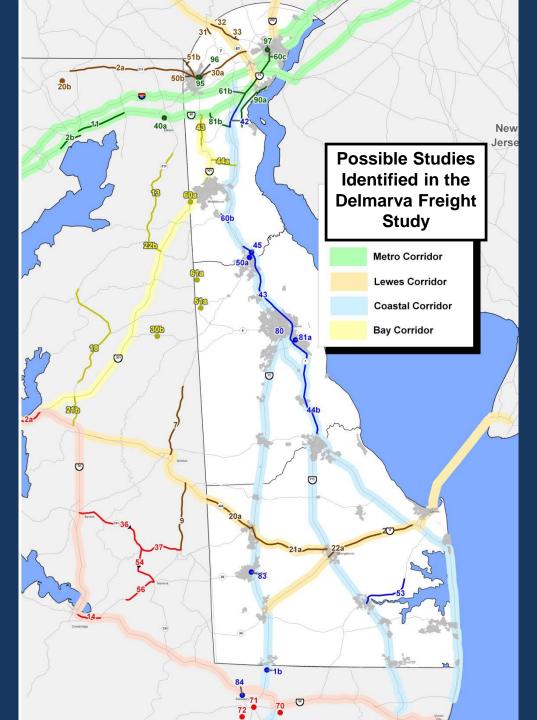
 Currently, working on the plan to be FAST Act compliant.





#### **Group Assignment:**

- Delmarva Freight Plan Identified 60 areas/ideas for additional study
- Seeking input on where future study efforts should be
- Review the boards highlighting the areas for future study
- Place 3 dots next to your priority area(s)



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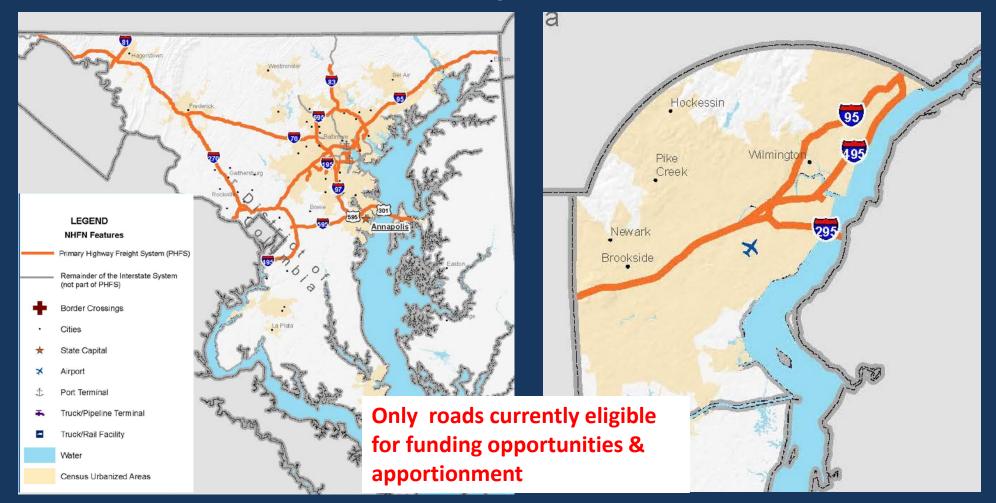
#### **Current Map**



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#### **Current Map - DE/MD**



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- The Primary Highway Freight System (Interstates)
- Interstate Routes not on the PHFS (9,511 centerline miles)
- Critical Rural Freight Corridors\*
- Critical Urban Freight Corridors\*

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\*Designation of CRFCs and CUFCs will increase the State's NHFN, allowing expanded use of NHFP formula funds and FASTLANE Grant Program funds for eligible projects

#### **NHFP formula funds and FASTLANE Grant Program**

New Funding available in FAST Act for freight

| \$1.2 B / year (average), apportioned to States by formula |        |        |        |        |        |  |  |  |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|--|
| Fiscal year  | 2016   | 2017   | 2018   | 2019   | 2020   |  |  |  |
| Estimated funding (in billions)                            | \$1.14 | \$1.09 | \$1.19 | \$1.34 | \$1.49 |  |  |  |

- Approx. \$4.5 million for DE, \$17 million for MD annually

| Fiscal year   | 2016    | 2017     | 2018     | 2019     | 2020     |
|---------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Authorization | \$800 M | \$ 850 M | \$ 900 M | \$ 950 M | \$1.00 B |

Discretionary program for competitive grants or TIFIA loans for projects >\$100 M

#### Types of eligible projects include:

- Development phase activities, including planning, feasibility analysis, revenue forecasting, environmental review, preliminary engineering and design work, and other preconstruction activities.
- Adding or widening of shoulders.
- Traffic signal optimization, including synchronized and adaptive signals.
- Railway-highway grade separation.
- Environmental and community mitigation for freight movement.

#### National Highway Freight Network Designation: Delaware Portion

- Ongoing effort in coordination with DE Freight Working Group
- Created draft of additional Urban/Rural mileage based on criteria
- Stay within allowable mileage limits

#### Allowable miles to designate by State

| State                            | DE  | PA  | MD  | NJ  |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Critical Rural Freight Corridors |     |     |     |     |
| Maximum Mileage Limit            | 150 | 282 | 150 | 150 |
| Critical urban Freight Corridors |     |     |     |     |
| Maximum Mileage Limit            | 75  | 141 | 75  | 75  |
| State Total                      | 225 | 423 | 225 | 225 |

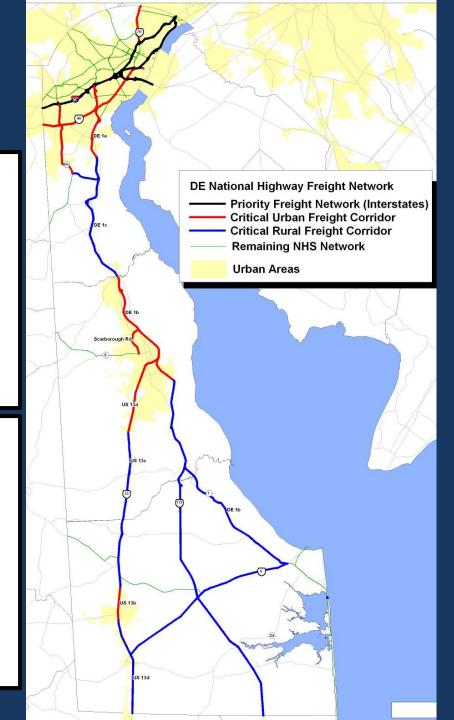
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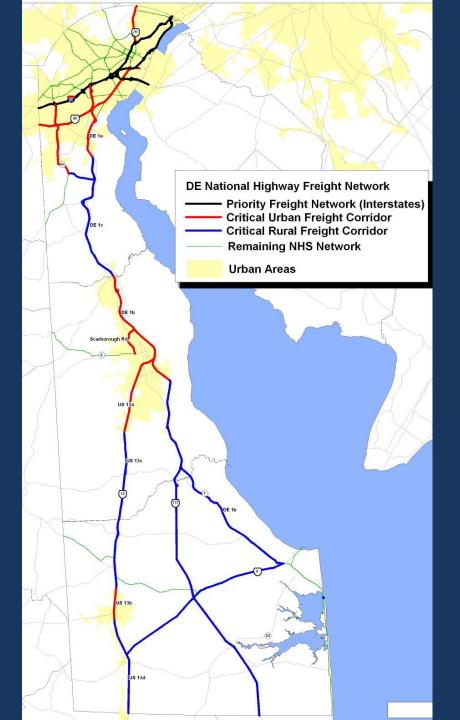
#### **Critical <u>Urban</u> Freight Corridors:**

- In an urbanized area (2010 Census)
- connects an intermodal facility
- connects the Interstate System
- provides an alternative highway option important to goods movement;
- serves a major freight generator, logistic center, or manufacturing and
- warehouse industrial land
- important to the movement of freight within the region, as determined by the MPO or the State.

#### **Critical <u>Rural</u> Freight Corridors:**

- Rural arterial roadway and has a minimum of 25 % of the AADTT
- Provides access to energy exploration, development, installation, or production areas
- Connects the PHFS or the Interstate System
- Connects to an international port of entry or an intermodal facility
- Provides access to significant air, rail, water, or other freight facilities in the State
- Determined by the State to be vital to improving the efficient movement of freight of importance to the economy of the State





#### More details on posters!